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Public Companies.

The SUBSCRIPTION LIST will open on MONDAY, the 9th February, and will close on or before THURSDAY, the 12th February, 1891.

THE UNITED ALKALI COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890.)

SHARE CAPITAL, £6,000,000.

Divided into 300,000 Seven per cent. Preference Shares of £10 each, cumulative as to dividends and preferential as to capital, and 300,000 Ordinary Shares of £10 each.

Also £3,000,000 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock, redeemable at £110 per cent. at the option of the Company after ten years on six months' notice. Interest payable 1st July and 1st January.

The vendors having agreed to accept a large portion, and in some instances the whole, of the purchase money of their works in ordinary and preference shares and in mortgage debenture stock, and very numerous allotments of shares and stock having been otherwise made without public advertisement, the following amounts have already been taken:—

£2,647,350 in ordinary shares of £10 each,
£2,340,030 in preference shares of £10 each,
£2,128,070 mortgage debenture stock;

leaving the following balances, which are now offered for public subscription, viz.:—

£352,650 in ordinary shares of £10 each,
£659,970 in preference shares of £10 each,
£871,930 mortgage debenture stock.

The allotment will be made as early as possible after the subscription list is closed, and where no allotment is made the amount deposited on application will be returned. Where a smaller amount is allotted than that applied for, the balance of the deposit money will be retained towards the instalment payable on allotment.

The failure to pay any instalments when due will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

TRUSTEES FOR MORTGAGE DEBENTURE STOCK.

Holbrook Gaskell, Esq. (Messrs Gaskell, Deacon, and Co., Widnes.)
Joseph Charlton Parr, Esq. (Chairman Parr's Banking Company, Limited.)
Alfred Turner, Esq. (Director Parr's Banking Company, Limited.)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.

Sir Charles Tennant, Bart.

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Sir Edward Sullivan, Bart. (Messrs Sullivan and Co., Limited).
James Hawke Dennis, Esq. (The Globe Alkali Company, Limited).
Holbrook Gaskell, Esq., J.P., (Messrs Gaskell, Deacon, and Co.)
E. K. Bentley, Esq., J.P. (Messrs Muspratt Bros. and Huntley, Limited).

ORDINARY DIRECTORS.

John Brock, Esq., J.P., Widnes (Messrs Sullivan and Co., Limited), Chairman.
Charles Wigg, Esq., Runcorn (Runcorn Soap and Alkali Company, Limited), Vice-Chairman.
James C. Stevenson, Esq., M.P., South Shields (The Jarrow Chemical Company, Limited), Vice-Chairman.
Thomas Alexander, Esq., Glasgow (Messrs Charles Tennant and Co., of St. Rollox, Limited).
Alfred Allhusen, Esq., Newcastle (The Newcastle Chemical Works Company, Limited).
[illegible] Barlow, Widnes (The Widnes Alkali Company, Limited).
Ernest Baxter, Esq., St. Helens (Henry Baxter).
John H. Davidson, Esq., Newcastle-on-Tyne (The Newcastle Chemical Works Company, Limited).
Holbrook Gaskell, Junior, Esq., J.P., Widnes (Messrs Gaskell, Deacon, and Co.)
James B. Gaskell, Lieut.-Col., J.P., Widnes (Messrs Gaskell, Deacon, and Co.)
W. J. Menzies, Esq., St. Helens (The Greenbank Alkali Works Company, Limited).
E. K. Muspratt, Esq., J.P., Liverpool (Messrs Jas. Muspratt and Sons).
George Pilkington, Esq., J.P., Widnes (Messrs W. Pilkington and Son).
John A. E. Rayner, Esq., St. Helens (Messrs A. G. Kurtz and Co.)
Robert Shaw, Esq., Widnes (Messrs Hall Brothers and Shaw).
James Tennant, Esq., J.P., Newcastle-on-Tyne (Messrs Charles Tennant and Partners, Limited).
George Lloyd Wigg, Esq., J.P., Runcorn (Messrs Wigg Brothers and Steele).
Philip J. Worsley, Esq., J.P., Bristol (The Netham Chemical Company, Limited, Bristol).

The amounts applied for will be payable as follows:—

	Preference and Debentures.	Ordinary Shares.
On Application	£5	£0 10 0
On Allotment	£25	£2 10 0
On 16th March, 1891	£25	£2 10 0
On 16th April, 1891	£25	£2 10 0
On 16th May, 1891	£20	£2 0 0
	£100	£10 0 0

After allotment, the shares and mortgage debenture stock may be paid up in full on any of the dates fixed for the payment of instalments, and interest will be allowed at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum on instalments paid in advance.

In consideration of the great labour and time required for the complete organisation of the Company's business the Directors cannot undertake to present a report and balance-sheet earlier than for the period ending the 31st of December, 1891, but they intend to declare interim dividends for the period ending 30th June, 1891.

BANKERS.

London: Messrs Glyn, Mills, Currie, and Co.
Liverpool, Warrington, &c.: Parr's Banking Company, Limited, and Branches.
Manchester: Messrs Cunliffes, Brookes, and Co.
Newcastle-on-Tyne and Bristol: The Branches of the Bank of England.
Edinburgh and Glasgow: The National Bank of Scotland, Limited.
Dublin: The Provincial Bank of Ireland, Limited.
Belfast: The Belfast Banking Company, Limited.

BROKERS.

London: Messrs Brunton, Bourke, and Co.
Liverpool: { Messrs William Chambres and Co.
{ Messrs Ashton, Tod, and Noble.
Manchester: Messrs Fernyhough and Ashe.
Leeds: Messrs John Redmayne and Co.
Bristol: Messrs George White and Co.
Edinburgh: Messrs Lawrie and Ker.
Glasgow: Messrs Auld and MacEwan.
Dublin: Messrs Richard Pim and Eves.
Belfast: Messrs John McKee and Co.

SOLICITORS.

Messrs H. Forshaw and Hawkins, Liverpool.
Messrs Philipson, Cooper, and Goodger, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Messrs Mackenzie, Gardner, and Alexander, Glasgow.

AUDITORS.

Messrs Stead, Taylor, and Stead, Chartered Accountants, Liverpool.
Messrs T. W. Read and Co., Chartered Accountants, Liverpool.
Messrs Finney and Son, Chartered Accountants, Liverpool.
Messrs Monkhouse, Goddard, and Co., Chartered Accountants, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SECRETARY.

Eustace Carey, Esq.

OFFICES.

Exchange Buildings, Liverpool.

PROSPECTUS.

This Company has been formed for the purpose of purchasing and consolidating into one undertaking various chemical works in the United Kingdom, in which some or all of the following chemicals are manufactured by what is known as the Leblanc process, viz.:—Bleaching powder, soda ash, caustic soda, soda crystals, sulphate of soda, crystals of soda, chlorate of potash, sulphuric acid, hydrochloric acid, sulphur, &c. In two of the works considerable plant is in operation for the manufacture of soda by the ammonia process.

In addition to the chemical works, the Company have made arrangements whereby they have power to acquire the valuable salt mines and works in the county of Durham, belonging respectively to the Newcastle Chemical Works Company, Limited, and Charles Tennant and Partners, Limited, and the salt mines and works of the Fleetwood Salt Company, Limited.

The Leblanc process is the only process by which bleaching powder and other chlorine products in connection with caustic soda are economically manufactured. Carbonates of soda are produced more cheaply by the ammonia soda process. As this Company, in addition to the plant for manufacturing bleaching powder and other chlorine products) will possess plant for the manufacture of carbonate of soda by the ammonia process, it will be open to the Directors with the aid of the above extensive salt mines to extend the ammonia soda process, should the course of trade render it advisable.

Arrangements have been made whereby the Company have power to acquire the works and businesses of the following persons, firms, or companies, and the agreement in each case is made between the above-named John Brock and James Hawke Dennis of the one part, and the persons, firms, or companies referred to of the other part; the date following the names of such persons, firms, or companies being the date of the agreement:—

ENGLAND.

WEST DISTRICT.

[illegible] Baxter, Henry Baxter, and Frank Baxter, St. Helens, who trade as Henry Baxter. (23rd October, 1890.)
The Globe Alkali Company, Limited, St. Helens. (21st October, 1890.)
The Greenbank Alkali Works Company, Limited, St. Helens. (23rd October, 1890.)
[illegible] and Co., St. Helens. (16th September, 1890.)
James McBryde and Co., Limited, St. Helens. (23rd October, 1890.)
William Chadwick and Sons, St. Helens, who trade as St. Helens Chemical Company. (24th September, 1890.)
Sutton Lodge Chemical Company, Limited, St. Helens. (1st October, 1890.)
Thomas Walker, St. Helens. (16th September, 1890.)
The Atlas Chemical Company, Limited, Widnes. (23rd October, 1890.)
Holbrook Gaskell, the elder, Holbrook Gaskell, the younger, Henry Wade Deacon, Eustace Carey, James [illegible] Gaskell, and Frank Gaskell, Widnes, who trade as Gaskell, Deacon, and Co. (23rd October, 1890.)
[illegible] Davis and Co., Limited, Widnes. (23rd October, 1890.)
[illegible] Shaw, Widnes, who trades as Hall Brothers and Shaw. (23rd October, 1890.)
[illegible] Gordon and Co., Widnes. (10th October, 1890.)
[illegible] Hutchinson and Co., Widnes. (24th October, 1890.)
The Liver Alkali Company, Limited, Widnes. (23rd October, 1890.)
[illegible] Mathieson, Frederick Herbert Gossage, Thomas [illegible] Timmis, and Thomas Train Mathieson, Widnes, who trade as Niel Mathieson and Co. (23rd October, 1890.)
[illegible] Liddell and Co., Widnes. (10th October, 1890.)
[illegible] Bros. and Huntley, Limited, Flint. (23rd October, 1890.)
[illegible] Pilkington and Son, Widnes. (10th October, 1890.)
[illegible] Muspratt and Sons, Widnes and Liverpool.
The Runcorn Soap and Alkali Co., Limited, Runcorn and Weston. (17th October, 1890.)
[illegible] Snape, Widnes. (10th October, 1890.)
[illegible] Sullivan and Co., Limited, Widnes. (20th October, 1890.)
The Widnes Alkali Company, Limited, Widnes. (30th September, 1890.)
George Lloyd Wigg, Matthew Steele, and Walter John Wigg, Runcorn, who trade as Wigg Bros. and Steele. (22nd October, 1890.)
The Netham Chemical Company, Limited, Bristol. (22nd October, 1890.)
Charles Whiteway Hazlehurst and Joseph Hall Salkeld, Runcorn, who trade as Hazlehurst and Sons. (23rd October, 1890.)

EAST DISTRICT.

The Heworth Alkali Company, Heworth-on-Tyne. (23rd October, 1890.)
The Jarrow Chemical Company, Limited, Friar's Goose and Tyne Dock. (25th October, 1890.)
The Newcastle Chemical Works Company, Limited, Gateshead. (23rd October, 1890.)
[illegible] and W. H. Richardson, Jarrow-on-Tyne. (1st October, 1890.)
The Seaham Chemical Works Company, Limited, Seaham Harbour. (27th October, 1890.)
The St. Bede Chemical Company, Limited, Jarrow-on-Tyne. (24th October, 1890.)
Charles Tennant and Partners, Limited, Hebburn-on-Tyne. (1st October, 1890.)

Public Companies.

Walter Scott and Joseph Edward Lee, Wallsend-on-Tyne, who trade as the Wallsend Chemical Company. (16th October, 1890.)

SCOTLAND.

The Eglinton Chemical Company, Limited, Irvine. (9th October, 1890.)
The Irvine Chemical Company, Limited, Irvine. (1st October, 1890.)
The North British Chemical Company, Limited, Dalmuir. (27th October, 1890.)
Charles Tennant and Co., of St. Rollox, Limited, Glasgow. (21st October, 1890.)

IRELAND.

Samuel Boyd, Dublin, who trades as Boyd, Son, and Co. (25th September, 1890.)

SALT WORKS.

The Newcastle Chemical Works, Limited, Port Clarence. (23rd October, 1890—being the before-mentioned agreement.)
Charles Tennant and Partners, Limited), Port Clarence. (1st October, 1890—being the before-mentioned agreement.)
The Fleetwood Salt Company, Limited, Fleetwood. (29th October, 1890.)

Arrangements of a satisfactory character have also been made to obtain control of the businesses of the following Persons, Firm, and Company, so far as regards the Leblanc departments, the agreement in each case being made between John Brock and James Hawke Dennis of the one part, and the Persons, Firm, and Company referred to of the other part, the date following the names of such Persons, Firm, and Company being the date of the agreement:—

Edward Bramwell and George Herbert Bramwell, St. Helens, who trade as E. Bramwell and Son. (23rd October, 1890.)
Morgan Mooney, Dublin. (15th October, 1890.)
Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Limited. (27th September, 1890.)
Peter Alfred Mawdsley, Flint. (24th October, 1890.)
Sir George Elliot, Bart., William Slingsby Hunter, Charles Edward Hunter, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who trade as the Tyneside Chemical Company. (9th October, 1890.)

As regards some vendors who are Limited Companies, certain proceedings will have to be taken by their shareholders to give effect to the agreements, and in these cases the agreements are accordingly conditional.

These works embrace nearly the whole of the Leblanc manufactories of the United Kingdom, and comprise plant in working order for the production annually of about 700,000 tons of vitriol, the greater proportion of which is used in the works in the decomposition of 600,000 tons of salt annually, and the production of about 150,000 tons bleaching powder, 5,000 tons chlorate of potash, 180,000 tons caustic soda, 140,000 tons soda ash, 140,000 tons soda crystals, 60,000 tons sulphate of soda, 40,000 tons sulphur, besides large quantities of hydrochloric and sulphuric acids. In addition, there is plant for the manufacture annually of 8,000 tons strontia salts, and for the treatment of about 100,000 tons of copper ores by the extraction therefrom of copper, gold, and silver, as well as for the production of super phosphates and other artificial manures, soap, glycerine, pearl hardening, bichromate, carbonate and caustic potash, hyposulphite of soda, silicate of soda, manganate of soda, sal-ammoniac, sulphate of ammonia ultramarine, bi-carbonate of soda, and crystal carbonate.

All the works are well provided with convenient access by rail or river or canal. The land occupied by the works or available for extension is partly freehold and partly leasehold, the leasehold portion being in the majority of cases held for long unexpired terms.

Messrs John Brock and J. H. Dennis have entered into an agreement with the Company, dated 3rd November, 1890, to make over to the Company, without payment or profit of any kind, the benefit of the abovementioned arrangements.

On the footing of these arrangements, the price to be paid for the whole of the properties and privileges, including patent and other rights and royalties, but exclusive of stock-in-trade materials (raw and in the process of manufacture) and stores, is £6,851,500.

This amount has been arrived at by a sub-committee of eight, acting under the direction of a committee of thirteen, appointed by the manufacturers, and after careful consideration by such sub-committee of the producing power and position of the works, and of the reports made by two or more members of the committee or directors, who in each case have examined the works.

No promotion money has been or will be paid, and goodwill has in no case been taken into account by the committee in arriving at the price to be paid to the vendors.

The price to be paid for the stock-in-trade, packed and ready for delivery, and a portion of the materials will be the fair market value as on 1st November, 1890, and as to the remainder of the stock-in-trade and materials (raw, and in the process of manufacture) and stores will be the cost price to the vendors. The Company will, with one exception, take over the business of the works acquired with the benefit of and subject to all current contracts as from the 1st November, 1890.

The Company will not take over any of the book debts of the vendors, who will themselves receive and discharge all debts owing to or by them.

The Directors, who have all been actively engaged in the trade for many years, and are intimately acquainted with it in all its details, will be prepared, subject to the approval of the shareholders, to hold office for at least five years from the incorporation of the Company, so that a continuance of their services may be secured.

It will be the object and policy of the Company to avoid advancing prices unduly, and to maintain them only at such moderate limits as will yield a fair return, and avoid violent fluctuations, prejudicial alike to consumer and producer.

The Directors expect satisfactory returns to the shareholders from the following sources, viz.:—

Profits on the various manufactures enumerated above.
The avoidance of the undue competition which has prevailed between the various manufacturers.
The reduction of cost of transit by supplying goods from the district nearest the consumer.
The economies which will necessarily result from unity and concentration of management.
The increased efficiency of all the manufactories from applying to each the highest standard of working which the best experience and technical ability of the trade will show to be possible.

And the directors confidently anticipate that, after making provision for a reserve fund, the Company will pay a substantial dividend to the ordinary shareholder.

The mortgage debenture stock is secured as a first charge on the undertaking of the Company, and is constituted and secured by a deed between the Company and trustees for the mortgage debenture stockholders.

There were in existence, on the 1st November, 1890, certain trade contracts, leases, agreements, and engagements connected with the various properties and businesses to be taken over from that date as going concerns and otherwise, which cannot be specified here, and subscribers shall be deemed to waive the publication, in compliance with the 38th section of the Companies Act, 1867, of any further particulars in relation thereto.

Forms of applications for shares may be obtained at the Bankers, Brokers, and offices. Copies of the memorandum and articles of association and deed relating to the Mortgage Debenture Stock can be seen at the offices of the Solicitors. Should any applicant not receive an allotment, his deposit will be returned in full, and such applicants as may receive a less amount of shares or debenture stock than they apply for will have their surplus moneys credited to the sums due on the shares or mortgage debenture stock allotted to them.

February, 1891.

Tenders.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

TO BUILDERS.—The Directors are prepared to receive TENDERS for the erection and completion of a TRANSIT WAREHOUSE at Middlesbrough Dock.

Plans and Specifications may be seen, and further information obtained, on application to Mr William Bell, the Company's Architect, at York, on and after Friday, the 6th February.

Quantities supplied on personal application to parties tendering for the whole of the works.

Sealed Tenders, marked "Transit Warehouse, Middlesbrough Dock," to be sent to the Secretary at York not later than noon on Wednesday, the 18th February.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

C. N. WILKINSON, Secretary.
York, 3rd February, 1891. 7

STOCKTON-ON-TEES CORPORATION.—The Gas Committee of the Stockton Corporation invite TENDERS for the Construction of a Water-tight Gas Holder Tank, 132 feet diameter by 25 feet 6 inches deep, on the Gas Works premises, Stockton-on-Tees.

Plans and specification may be seen, or any further information may be obtained, on application to Mr Wm. Ford at the Gas Works.

Tenders sealed and endorsed, "Tender for Gas Holder Tank," to be lodged with me on or before Wednesday, the 25th day of February, 1891.

The Gas Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

(By Order) M. B. DODDS, Town Clerk.
Stockton-on-Tees, February 3rd, 1891.

HARTLEPOOL GAS AND WATER COMPANY.—To Contractors, &c.—The Directors of the above Company are prepared to receive TENDERS for the several works and materials required in the Construction of a Gasholder Tank, 152 feet 6 inches in diameter and 30 feet 6 inches deep, in puddle concrete, brickwork, and masonry, and the Erection and Completion of the same on their land at West Hartlepool. Plans and specifications may be seen, or any further information obtained, on application to the Company's Engineer, Mr Thomas Bower, who, if desired, will supply copies of the plans. Tenders, on form prescribed, and sealed and endorsed "Tender for Gasholder Tank," to be sent to Mr Thomas Trewhitt, Secretary, Gas and Water Company, West Hartlepool, not later than Wednesday, the 11th day of February next.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order of the Directors,
THOMAS TREWHITT, Secretary.
Gas and Water Company's Offices, West Hartlepool, January 10th, 1891.

TENDERS Wanted for supplying Material and carrying out Alterations to Shop Front in Newport-road. For particulars apply to Alfred Mills, 6, Victoria-road, Middlesbrough. 9

TO Brickmakers and Contractors.—TENDERS Wanted for the making and burning of Bricks over the season. Contractor to find his own tools and to pay for coals at a price to be agreed upon. Further particulars may be obtained on application to The Westfield (Durham) Salt Co., Ld., 2, Exchange-place, Middlesbrough. 12

Dentistry.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH.—MR BUCK, The People's Dentist, 9, East-street, and 35, Grange-road, Middlesbro'. 1

FRAS. BONE, Surgeon Dentist, 27, Corporation-road, Middlesbrough. Artificial Teeth from 2/6 per tooth. Teeth extracted 1/-.

HUGHES, Dentist, STOCKTON—Top of High-street. MIDDLESBROUGH—46, Newport-road. See Country Appointments in Friday's paper.

TEETH! ARTIFICIAL TEETH!
DR. SALT, D.D.S.,
DENTAL SURGEON,
42, NEWPORT-ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH,
AND AT
SCARBOROUGH-STREET, WEST HARTLEPOOL.
Teeth from 3s 6d each. Sets from £4 4s warranted.
Teeth extracted painlessly by Nitrous Oxide Gas, 5s.

BANKS, R.P. (late with D. Walton), 16, Dundas-st., M'bro., Plumber, Glazier, Gasfitter, and Electric Bell Fitter. Orders punctually attended to.

Religious Notices.

BAPTIST CHURCH, LINTHORPE-ROAD.—REV. THOS. ARMSTRONG, 10.30 and 6.30.

SPIRITUAL HALL.—Sunday, 11, Circle; 6.30, "Robert Burns." Monday, Public Tea, &c.

REDCAR BAPTIST CHURCH.—Preacher for Next Sunday: R. G. START, Esq., Meadow View, Harrogate.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Corporation-road, Middlesbrough. 10.30 and 6.30, REV. JAMES PEDDIE, B.A.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Queen's-Terrace.—Rev. J. P. JAMES. 10.45, "Sunday Life;" 6.30, "The Mourner's Gospel."

BRUNSWICK WESLEYAN CHAPEL, STOCKTON-ON-TEES. Sunday, Feb. 8, 10.30 and 6.30, Rev. W. M. KIDMAN.

P.M. CHAPEL, Paradise-row, Stockton.—Sunday, February 8th. Morning, Mr C. BEAN; Evening, Mr WM. RAINE.

ST. GEORGE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STOCKTON.—To-morrow: Preacher, REV. THOMAS HOWELL, 10.30 and 6.30.

REGENT-STREET CHAPEL, Stockton-on-Tees.—To-morrow, Services 10.30 and 6.0. Preacher, Rev. HENRY HOLGATE, of Newcastle.

PARADISE CHAPEL (U.M.F.C), Milton-street, Middlesbrough.—To-morrow, 10.30, Mr T. F. BAILES, "Spiritual Growth;" 6.30, Mr R. T. HUNTER. Strangers very cordially invited.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND, Newport-road.—TO-MORROW Morning, at 10.30; Evening, at 6.30. REV. S. ROSS, M.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SUNDAY CLOSING.—The Rev. G. Coates will Address a Meeting on the above subject in Lecture-room, Temperance Hall, Middlesbro', on Sunday, the 8th, at 8.15. Chairman: Mr W. D. Thompson.

CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLESBROUGH.—REV. JOHN BEVAN will preach TO-MORROW, 10.30 a.m., "THE RENEWAL OF LIFE." 6.30 p.m., "WHAT IS THE USE OF GOING TO CHURCH?"

LOSS of the Steamer Bessemer and Safety of the Crew.—Special Thanksgiving To-morrow at 3 and 6.30 in the Missions to Seamen Room, Middlesbrough Docks. Preacher: REV. J. PARKER, M.A., Chaplain to Seamen. Collection towards a Bible for each of the twelve.

ODDFELLOWS' HALL.—Assembly-room No. 7, entrance Albert-street. D.V. To-morrow MR A. JOBSON, of West Hartlepool, will Preach—Afternoon at 3, subject, "The Down Grade;" Evening at 6.30, "The Atonement Money." Seats free. No collection. All are welcome.

BROUGHAM-STREET CHAPEL, MIDDLESBROUGH.—To-morrow, Preacher for the day: MR WILLIAM EALES, of Shildon.

Also

Remember the ENTERTAINMENT in the School-room on MONDAY First. Recitations by Miss Sheperd; Anthems by the Choir. To commence at 7.30 p.m. Chairman, Mr S. HARRIS.

NEWPORT-ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, Preacher for To-morrow:
REV. ISAAC LEVINSOHN.
Services at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
LECTURES BY MR LEVINSOHN.
MONDAY, FEB. 9,
Subject: "RAMBLES IN JERUSALEM."
TUESDAY, FEB. 10,
Subject: "A RIDE TO DAMASCUS."

Lately Mr Levinsohn has been in Palestine. His Lectures will illustrate his travels, and will be full of interest and instruction. Collection at the close.

COME, AND BRING A FRIEND.

Public Notices.

AFTERNOON EXCURSION—From the Hartlepools, North Stockton, &c., to DURHAM and NEWCASTLE on TUESDAY, February 10th. See bills.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—On SHROVE TUESDAY, February 10th, EXCURSION from Richmond at 10.20 a.m., Catterick, Scorton, Moulton, Dalton, Cowton, Northallerton, Thirsk, &c., to LEEDS. See bills for further particulars.
York, February, 1891.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
FEBRUARY 9TH.
An AFTERNOON EXCURSION will leave Loftus at 1.25 p.m., with bookings from Brotton, Saltburn, Redcar, South Bank, Middlesbrough, South Stockton, &c., for Leeds. For particulars see bills. 7

MIDDLESBROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.—THE SCIENCE SCHOOL.—The next Examination for 15 Science and Art Scholarships will be held at the High School on SATURDAY, March 7th, 1891. Forms of nomination may now be had by the Head Masters of Elementary Schools on application to the Hon. Secretary. N.B.—These Scholarships are open only to the children of parents whose total income from all sources does not exceed £200 a year. 9

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Queen's-Terrace, Middlesbro'.—TUESDAY, Feb. 10, "An Evening with Handel." Vocalists, Mrs Lynas, Mrs Parkinson, Misses Lamyman, Truefitt, Betts, Heslop; Messrs T. Goldsbrough, W. J. Gamble, H. Dick, F. W. Downie; violin, Mr C. J. Hoggett; piano and organ, Mr J. M. Parkinson; reading, "Handel," Mr F. P. Wilson. To commence at 8. Admission 6d.

TEMPERANCE HALL, DOVECOT-STREET, STOCKTON.
HERR COHEN
Will attend in his rooms daily from 10 to 1.30, 3 to 5, and 7 to 9, FOR A FEW DAYS LONGER.
Note: Entrance to Herr Cohen's Rooms by side door only; Prince Regent-street.

STEAMER BEAR RELIEF FUND.—The steamer Bear, of Middlesbrough, was run down in the Firth of Forth on Sunday, the 11th inst., and as there are twelve Widows and about thirty-eight Orphans of the crew left unprovided for, a large and influential Committee has been formed for the purpose of raising a Fund for the relief of such of them as it may in the opinion of the Committee be necessary to relieve.

Believing the object to be a thoroughly deserving one, the Committee earnestly hope that the public of Middlesbrough, Whitby, Filey, and Kirkwall will co-operate in carrying the movement to a successful issue.

Subscriptions will be gratefully received by any of the Committee or by the undersigned.

M. G. COLLINGWOOD (Mayor), Treasurer.
ALFRED SOCKETT, Honorary Secretary.
Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, January, 1891.

ROYAL POLAND-STREET HAND BELL-RINGERS.
ASSEMBLY HALL, SALTBURN,
SATURDAY, February 7th, 1891. 0

OXFORD PALACE, Middlesbrough.—This Week:—Terrific success of Menotti, the Stockholm Wonder; Mr Fred Izant, Black Cookey, Miss Agnes Burns, The D'Ostas, Miss Daisy Victor, Messrs Edwards and Merritt, The Lindsays.

THEATRE ROYAL, MIDDLESBROUGH.

GREAT AND CONTINUED SUCCESS
OF
SINBAD THE SAILOR.
The LAST NIGHT previous to its departure for Darlington.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT OF
LITTLE DOT HETHERINGTON,
The Creole Songstress and Transformation Dancer.
NEW SONGS,
NEW DANCES,
NEW BUSINESS.

Monday, February 9th, 1891, Van Biene's Celebrated Company in the Charming Opera,
FAUST UP TO DATE.

GAIETY THEATRE, West Hartlepool.—This Week—The Screaming Comedy, NEW LAMPS FOR OLD.

ALHAMBRA VARIETY THEATRE, Lambton-street (off Lynn-street), West Hartlepool.—This week:—THE BROTHERS LLOYD. Mr WALTER READ, Character Comedian. THE RANSONS, SAM and BLANCHE, English, Irish, and American Entertainers. THE SISTERS BECKETT. THE COMOS, in their Hat Throwing Extraordinary. LITTLE NORA. Messrs GERAGHTY and GILLIGAN, the Greatest Irish Dialect Comedians now before the Public. Messrs SEELEY and WEST, America's Greatest Musical Curiosities.

THEATRE ROYAL, NEWCASTLE.

GIGANTIC SUCCESS OF
"DICK WHITTINGTON."
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Public Notices.

NOTICE.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1889.

SALE OF COAL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received by the Board of Trade from the Local Authority of the Borough of Middlesbrough for Approval to certain BYE-LAWS which the Local Authority have, in pursuance of the 28th Section of the Weights and Measures Act, 1889, made with respect to the SALE OF COAL.

Copy of these Bye-laws can be inspected, free of charge, between 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., at the Office of the Town Clerk, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough.

All persons interested are to take notice that, 21 days after this date, the Board of Trade will proceed to consider the Application; and, in the meantime, they will receive any objections which may be made thereto.

(Signed) C. CECIL TREVOR,
Assistant Secretary.
Board of Trade, Harbour Department,
6th day of February, 1891.

BOROUGH OF MIDDLESBROUGH.—WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1889.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trade have Signified their Approval of the General Regulations with respect to Inspectors and the Inspection of Weights, Measures, and Weighing and Measuring Instruments adopted by the Local Authority of the Borough of Middlesbrough on the 13th day of January, 1891.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a Copy of such Regulations is deposited at the respective Offices of the Town Clerk and of Richard Watson, the Inspector of Weights and Measures, Old Town Hall, Middlesbrough.

All persons interested may obtain a Copy of the said Regulations at the published price on application to

GEO. BAINBRIDGE, Town Clerk,
Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough.
Feb. 6th, 1891.

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BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1890.

LIABILITIES.		
To Capital Paid up—viz., £12 10s per Share on 51,000 Shares of £60 each..	£637,500 0 0	
„ Reserve Fund	500,000 0 0	
„ Dividend and Bonus Payable on 2nd February, 1891	54,187 10 0	
„ Balance of Profit and Loss Account	3,616 3 5	
		£1,195,303 13 5
„ Current, Deposit, and other Acc'ts		5,615,569 19 5
		£6,810,873 12 10
ASSETS.		
By cash in hand and at Bank of England	£355,895 14 1	
„ Money at call, and at short notice	470,688 12 5	
„ Investments—		826,584 6 6
„ British Government Securities, Indian and Colonial Government Stocks and Bonds, Indian Railway Guaranteed Stocks and Debentures, British Railway Preference Stocks and Debentures, British Corporation Stocks		925,535 13 10
„ Bills of Exchange		1,374,383 16 8
		£3,126,504 17 0
„ Advances on Current Accounts and Loans on Security	£3,497,012 18 10	
„ Promissory Notes to the Bank	5,310 10 6	
		3,502,323 9 4
„ Bank Premises, at Head Office and Branches		182,045 6 6
		£6,810,873 12 10

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Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, Saturday, Feb. 14.
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Black Swan Hotel, Pickering, Monday, Feb. 16.
Railway Hotel, Northallerton, Wednesday, Feb. 4.
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COOKS and Generals (several) Wanted; also, Housemaid and Nurse; send full particulars. Miss Hayllar, Bridge-road, Stockton. 11

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GENERAL Servant Wanted, with good character. Apply Mrs Scott, Lorne House, Stockton. 9

GENERAL Servant Wanted. Apply, with reference, Ellis, 12, Ramsgate, Stockton. 7

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted. Consitt, Greyhound, North Ormesby. 7

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted immediately; one used to Hotels. Apply Swan Hotel, Redcar. 9

GENERAL Servant (good, strong) Wanted; about 18. Apply 4, Glenville-terrace, Queen-street, Coatham.

GENERAL Servant Wanted, age about 20. Apply Mrs Trattles, 5, Esk-terrace, Whitby. 13

GENERAL Servant (good, strong) Wanted; about 20 years of age. Apply Mrs Wilson, Crown Hotel, Brotton, R.S.O. 9

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GIRL (strong respectable) Wanted, not under 20, for general work. Apply Black Lion Hotel, Stockton. 7

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PLAIN Cook (good) Wanted immediately; no washing; 4 in family; housemaid kept. Apply Mrs Cradock, Mayfield, Yarm-road, Stockton. 9

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RESPONSIBLE General Servant; good plain cook; please call or send particulars. Miss Wright, Derby House, Stockton. 9

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COALGARTH Farm.—To Be Let, the above Farm, situate at Two Mile Houses, Stockton-on-Tees; extending to 117 acres; entry of the whole of the land on the 14th inst., and the house at May-day. Offers in writing to be sent to me not later than Saturday, the 14th inst., where full particulars can be obtained. The off-going tenant, Mr Ralph Blenkinsop, will show the land. Henry J. Curry, Land Agent, Stockton-on-Tees. 14

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HOUSE To Let (furnished) in Middlesbrough, 12 rooms; good garden; excellent position. Address K28, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 9

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HOUSE and Shop To Let, situate corner of Hill and Vaughan Streets; good condition; suitable for grocer or pawnbroker. Apply 49, Vaughan-street, Middlesbrough. 9

OFFICES.—To Let, 3 good rooms first floor, 59, High-street. Apply 60, High-street, Stockton. 13

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SHOP To Let (commodious, double-fronted); best position in Lynn-street, West Hartlepool; fixtures suitable for any business. Address H90, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 10

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7-ROOMED House To Let, The Groves, Yarm-lane. Apply George Scott, Stockton. 9

Property, Land, &c., for Sale.

COTTAGES (5) For Sale, on Swatters Carr; cheap. Apply 96, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. 10

DWELLING-HOUSE, 112, Newport-road, Middlesbrough, For Sale; 10 rooms; 20 feet frontage, 90 feet back to front; price, £450. Apply 18, Newcomen-street, Coatham. 9

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Sales by Auction.

SHORT NOTICE!
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1891.
Important Sale of Valuable Household Furniture and Appointments, removed for Peremptory Sale to EXCHANGE HALL, STOCKTON.

THOMAS M. DAWSON
Is instructed to
SELL BY AUCTION
Within the Exchange,
ON MONDAY, 9th February, 1891,
THE
MODERN HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS,
EMBRACING
SUPERIOR CARVED OAK SIDEBOARD,

Set of Chairs in Morocco and Carved Oak, Extending Dining Table, with spare leaves, Suite of Couch, pair of Easy and 6 Upright Chairs in English Morocco Leather. Another fine carved Walnut Suite of Couch, 2 Easy Chairs, and 6 other Chairs, in Saddlebag Upholstery. Several excellent Walnut and Inlaid Wood Chimney Glasses and Overmantels.

Richly Upholstered Suite of DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS in Terra-Cotta Silk and Plush Bordered.

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Enclosed by 3 doors, the centre one having a brilliant Cheval Mirror therein, the ends fitted with brass rods and hooks for dresses, and the centre with solid mahogany drawers and trays, lined throughout; the pair of Duchesse Toilet Tables, a useful Chest of Drawers, Night Convenience, Chamber Pedestal, &c.

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CATALOGUE of the Sale of Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., belonging to the late R. Foster, and removed from Linthorpe and Grove Hill, which will BE SOLD BY AUCTION by S. LITHGOW on TUESDAY, February 10th, 1891, at the Granville Sale Room, Middlesbrough.

Sale at 1 o'clock prompt.

1 to 25 Kitchen Utensils.
26 Two Tape Measures; Revolver and Knife.
28 Cigar-holder and 2 Cases; Cricket Ball.
30 Two Pair Opera Glasses; Barometer.
33 Four Portrait Lenses.
34 Seventeen Pieces of Linthorpe Ware.
35 An Electric Indicator, Coil, &c.
36 China Teapot; Do. Bowl and 6 Plates.
39 Thirty-four pieces of Dinner Ware; Toilet Glass.
41 Well-made Mahogany Chest of Drawers.
42 WELL MADE 4FT. MAHOGANY WARDROBE, fitted with dress-pegs and drawers, with looking-glass centre door.
43 Mahogany Circular Night Commode.
44 Pair Mahogany Duchess Tables, jewel drawers and glass attached; Marble-top Washstand, well made.
45 Portmanteau; Mirror, gilt frame.
46 Marble Clock; Engraving, "Sir Joseph Pease."
49 Mahogany Hair-seated Couch, Gent's and Lady's Easies, and 3 small Chairs
52 Mahogany Dining Table, with 2 loose leaves.
53 MAHOGANY ENCLOSED SIDEBOARD, making a writing secretaire; a first-class and well-made article.
54 Oak Library Chair, forming steps.
55 Ebonised Blentwood Hat, Coat, and Stick Stand.
56 Birch Table; 3 Blankets.
58 Feather Bed and Pillow; 3 Feather Pillows.
60 MASSIVE BRASS AND IRON PARISIAN BEDSTEAD, with cretonne hangings and wire mattress.
6? Fine Carved Walnut Bed-room Suite, comprising 5ft. wardrobe fitted with dress pegs, cupboards, and drawers, with looking-glass panel door; dressing-table, with swing glass attached; marble-top washstand, with tiled and glass panel back; three cane seat chairs, pedestal and towel rail.
62 Well-made Mahogany Enclosed Secretaire, fitted with pigeon holes, fall-leaf and drawers; a well-made article.
63 Walnut Pedestal Writing Table.
64 Walnut-frame Easy Chair, spring and hair stuffed, covered in morocco.
65 Walnut-frame Easy Chair.
66 Gent's 18-carat Gold English Lever Watch, 9-carat Gold Albert.
68 Two Gent's Silver Levers, a Silver Geneva.
71 Pair Opera Glasses, 2 Fans, Card Case.
74 Silver Medal, 2 Silver Thimbles, Silver Ring, and 2 Pencil Cases.
75 Mahogany-frame Suite, comprising settee, 2 easy chairs, and 6 small chairs, all spring seats.
76 Inlaid Octagon Table; Walnut Table.
78 Mahogany Chest of 4 drawers.
79 Three Pair of Japanese Vases; Skeleton Clock.
83 5ft. WALNUT SIDEBOARD, fitted with drawers and cupboards, with looking-glass panelled back over.
84 Satin Walnut Bed-room Suite, comprising wardrobe fitted with dress pegs, drawer under, with looking-glass centre door; dressing table with glass attached, marble-top washstand with glass panel, 3 cane seat-chairs, pedestal and towel rail.
85 First class Feather Bed, Pillows and Bolster and Blankets.
88 Brass and Iron French Bedstead and Wire Mattress.
89 Walnut Music Canterbury, Pair Japanese Trays.
91 Walnut-frame Drawing-room Suite, comprising settee, lady's and gent's easy chairs, and 6 small chairs, spring and hair-stuffed, covered in figured tapestry.
92 Walnut Octagon Table, Walnut Fall-leaf Table.
94 Inlaid Walnut Centre Table.
95 Walnut Corner Cabinet, looking-glass panels.
96 Walnut Inlaid China Cabinet, glass centre-door, lined with plush.
97 Walnut-frame Mirror, with bevel-edge looking-glass panels.
98 Pair of Hand-painted China Vases.
99 Pair of Walnut Dwarf Cabinets, glass doors.
100 Rosewood Side Table, with drawer.
101 Oil Painting, "Kilchurn Castle," by G. F. Buchanan.
102A Pair of Water Colours.
102 WALNUT-FRAME DINING-ROOM SUITE, comprising couch, lady's and gent's easy chairs, and 6 small chairs; covered in morone skin.
103 Walnut Dining Table, 2 loose leaves opening to 8ft
104 Walnut-frame Mirror, bevel-edge glass panels.
105 Fender and Fire irons; Rosewood Coal Vase.
107 6ft MAHOGANY OPEN BOOKCASE.
108 Walnut Chest of Drawers, with glass attached, and ditto, with marble slab.
109 Walnut Pedestal, with marble top.
110 OAK SPECIMEN CASE, containing minerals.
111 Pair of Mahogany Duchesse Tables, jewel drawers and glass attached; Marble-top Washstand.
112 Mahogany Chest of Drawers.
113 Mahogany Toilet Glass.
114 Oak Dining Table, with 1 loose leaf.
115 Walnut-frame Mirror; Hair-seated Couch.
117 Portable Water Closet.
118 Piano Stool.

Sale in the evening at Six o'clock General Furniture, Suite in saddle bags, Ash Bed-room Suite, Cottage Piano, by Broadwood and Sons, 2 Table Pianos, &c., &c.

NOTICE TO AGRICULTURISTS. — In consequence of the sudden death of the late Mr ROBERT BURNSIDE, whose connection in this district as an Agricultural Auctioneer was so widely known and appreciated, I have been strongly urged by numerous friends and customers to commence as an Auctioneer, and have made arrangements to carry on the above Business in conjunction with my own, and can only say that it will be my earnest endeavour by strict attention and the prompt settlement of all accounts to give satisfaction to those who may favour me with their patronage.

S. W. WORDSWORTH,
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January 26th, 1891. 7

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Sales by Auction.

NO. 35, PRINCE ARTHUR-STREET, MIDDLESBRO'

MESSRS WALKER AND SON are instructed by Mr Thomas Heselhurst (who is declining business) to SELL BY AUCTION, upon the above-named premises, on MONDAY, February 9th, 1891, the remaining portion of his STOCK-IN-TRADE of Confectionery, Stationery, and other goods, which comprise a variety of mixed sweets, 14 full boxes of fancy and mixed biscuits, jams, pepper, mustard, sauces, baking powders, starch, hair oil, brushes, clothes lines, paper bags, matches, 12 new and other sweet bottles, firewood, brass scales and weights; also, tapes, cotton, pins, needles, buttons, stationery, ink, &c. Shop fittings and fixtures include small shop counter, show case, shop window blinds, 2-light chandelier, gas brackets, and other effects.

Sale to commence at one o'clock.

Auctioneers' Offices, Middlesbrough, Redcar, Stockton, and Bedale. 7

MASHAM HOTEL, LINTHORPE-ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH.

MESSRS WALKER AND SON are instructed by Mr Robert Petty (who is leaving the Masham Hotel) to SELL BY AUCTION, as above, on THURSDAY, February 12th, commencing at 1.30 p.m., his Surplus HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS. Full particulars in Sale Bills, to be had on application.

Auctioneers' Offices, Albert-road, Middlesbrough, and Redcar. 11

OBSERVE!

WALKER AND SONS' Next Monthly Horse and Carriage Sale takes place at the Bridge-road Repository, Stockton-on-Tees, on WEDNESDAY, February 11th, at One o'clock prompt. Stalls should be secured early in advance. Entry forms sent free on application. Auctioneers' Offices: Stockton and Middlesbrough. F10

RE JOHN URWIN. IN BANKRUPTCY.
NELSON-STREET, SOUTH BANK.

MESSRS WILLMAN AND DOUGLAS have received instructions from the Official Receiver to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the premises as above, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, February 9th and 10th, the whole of the IRONMONGER'S and PLUMBER'S STOCK-IN-TRADE, Vice, 30ft. Ladder, Pair Steps, Sundry Tools, Shop Fixtures, &c.

Sale to commence at 1 and 6 each day.

N.B.—The trade goods will be sold in the Afternoon. Cash on fall of hammer.

Auctioneers' Offices: 26, Albert-road, Middlesbrough. Telephone No. 5,142.

CENTRAL HALL, REDCAR.

MESSRS WILLMAN and DOUGLAS have received instructions from Miss Rudd, who is leaving Redcar, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the above Hall, on THURSDAY, Feb. 12th, 1891, a great portion of her HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising drawing and dining room suites, cottage piano (by Waddington), bed-room suite in ash and walnut, small safe, handsome walnut cabinet, oil paintings, engravings.

Sale to commence at 1 p.m. View morning of sale.

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A MORALIST ON DRINK AND TOBACCO.

In this month's *Contemporary* Count Tolstoi contributes a remarkable and characteristic article on the moral effects of alcohol and tobacco. It is, of course, one of the veriest commonplaces that alcohol taken in excess destroys a man's power of self-control, and leaves him a helpless prey to every temptation which may assail him. No one is surprised at immorality in a man who is drunk. The common description of the behaviour of a man in such a condition, often urged as an excuse or a palliation, is that "he was not himself," his true moral self having been submerged under the influence of alcohol. There are those, however, who maintain that the true character of a man emerges and comes into view in a state of intoxication; and in those cases where hypocrisies and secret vices are studiously concealed intoxication may certainly bring the real man to light. But such results are accidental and exceptional. The usual and indeed invariable effect, even when disclosures of real character do occur, is to paralyse the will and to annihilate, for the time, all restraints upon low and animal propensity. A great poet has spoken of states of feeling in which we are "put to sleep in *body* and become a living soul." The effect of drink is the direct opposite of this, the man under its influence becoming asleep in *soul* with all the higher qualities of his nature blotted out, leaving him only a mass of excited animalisms. Not only is this the case while a man is under the full influence of the unwholesome and demoralising stimulant; but gradually the moral faculties must inevitably be so blunted and dulled that the nature will permanently lose all delicacy of moral perception. It is, therefore, an utter mistake to suppose that any one can give way to the indulgence of vice and still remain, when outside the area of that particular vice, a man of high integrity or of sensitive honour. The whole character deteriorates and becomes impaired. While this is true of all vice whatever, it is especially true of that of drunkenness; because, more than most habits of vicious indulgence, it strikes heavier blows and inflicts deeper wounds upon the faculty of self-control. The complete and repeated knocking down of that hidden man of the heart that can say "No" to temptation cannot but result in the speedy weakening of that power of "veto" upon unworthy indulgence, and eventually in its entire destruction. Industry, truthfulness, honesty, kindness, pity, and all else in the beautiful and good of human character will lose first their freshness, next their force, and then slowly or rapidly die out altogether when the low propensities are permitted repeatedly to have their own way without any check. After each dethronement of the reason and the will these twin sovereigns, brothers in moral "knighthood," reassert their authority with a feebler power. Readers of Louis Stephenson's short but terrific story of "Dr. Jekel and Mr Hyde" will remember that, in this duality of a good and vile personality, the bad "Mr Hyde" at first could only be brought out by the use of a drug, but afterwards would assert himself and attain supremacy by his own wicked strength.

It is commonly admitted that this, or something like it, is the outcome and fearful penalty of drunkenness. Indeed, in varying degrees and in different ways, the same goal is reached along every course of self and conscienceless indulgence. This fact is, and ought to be, held up as the strongest deterrent before those who are entering upon the paths of intemperance. But Count Tolstoi, if we understand him rightly, thinks that many people have recourse to drink for the very purpose of committing moral suicide. What ought to be the strongest dissuasive against the beginnings of the practice becomes thus the very object sought to be accomplished. Men wish to do wrong without discomfort, and for this purpose, thinks Count Tolstoi, they try to silence the voices in their own breasts which whisper disapproval. The instances, however, adduced by Count Tolstoi of men who could not commit the crimes they had planned until they "nerved" themselves by drink do not seem to bear out his contention. It surely cannot be believed that men who have no intention of committing crime, but who drink for pleasure, have any wish to destroy or blur the nobler part of their nature. Probably they would shudder at the bare idea. They earnestly trust such a consequence will not follow; and fully intend to keep their indulgence within proper limits. Count Tolstoi's reply is that they dare not call their object by its proper name; that they may be, and are, unconscious of its real character; that it presents itself to them under the false and attractive appearance of temporary and pleasurable excitement; but that the object of all forms of bodily excitement is to put down the moral element of the nature, and be happy among the ruins. When men are dull, dispirited, out of heart, and discontented with themselves, he tells us that if they would resolve upon living according to the high ideal to which their better nature prompts them, their torpor and flatness would speedily vanish. They won't do this; they are bent upon keeping to their old courses, and in order to get "the more life and fuller" for which they crave they set to work, consciously or unconsciously, to drown or stifle the opposition of their own hearts. We wonder whether this is what is meant in the language of the New Testament, "Be not drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit?" We wonder whether the Apostolic teaching is the same as that of Count Tolstoi, and is that man should seek for zest in life not by exciting into preternatural luxuriance the tares of the merely fleshly propensities, but in quickening within him the germs of the good and the God-like? It would seem, according to Count Tolstoi at least, that the pleasures and amusements of modern life, especially those which excite the physical properties of the nerves and brain, are for the purpose of making man happy on a lower plane of life and conduct than the one he ought to occupy. In this view he condemns tobacco quite as strongly as he does drink. Indeed, there is a bitterness in his censure of smoking which is not perceptible in his censure of drink. He thinks that an uneasy conscience can be got rid of by smoking a cigarette; and that smokers have recourse to cigarettes, and cigars, and pipes for the very purpose of drugging their uneasy consciences. If they say "No," his reply is that were they living up to their moral ideal they would not feel the least need for sedatives or stimulants physically applied.

Whatever truth there may be in the strong and rigid views of Count Tolstoi, who is, as everybody knows, a very severe moralist, there is truth in the general principle on which his views are based. That general principle is that men are apt to try to hide from themselves the moral blame of their own conduct. We do not use the phrase in any deep religious sense; for that is a province we do not touch. We apply it in the broad sense of right and duty as honourable men everywhere understand these words. Unfortunately, there are not only Bethesdas in society, but also petrifying springs; there are potent influences playing upon men which enable them not to feel any smart when they do any great wrongs. Alcohol and even tobacco may, as the Russian moralist maintains, have their place among these soothing flatterers; but whether or not, there are undoubtedly influences of a far more subtle and more potent nature than these which pour a sleepy syrup over the moral sensibilities. To disregard conventional standards, and not to imbibe the sweet poison of conventional flatterers—narcotics that go direct to the heart and conscience—are very important matters.

THE House of Commons last night had another debate, in which the line of demarcation between Liberal and Conservative policy was made increasingly visible; and once again the moral victory was with the Liberals. Mr Rowland's resolution in favour of the abolition of the anomalous franchise now possessed by the liverymen of the City of London brought into view a part of the reform project elaborated by Sir George Trevelyan in his recent speech at Stockton, which seeks the establishment of the principle of "one man one vote." Sir George last night showed that the 7,000 resident electors in the City of London were politically swamped, not only by a large number of occupation voters who live outside the City, but also by 7,500 livery voters, not one-fourth of whom possess any premises within the city boundaries. The House of Commons rejected Mr Rowlands' resolution by the comparatively narrow majority of 28 votes; but the debate, and more particularly Sir George Trevelyan's able and lucid speech, demonstrated and called public attention to the indefensibility of the livery voters whom a non-reforming anti-democratic Conservative Government wish to maintain for the protection of class interests and in defiance of the principle of political equality.

THE Duke of Norfolk, as a member of the Conservative party, has written a letter expressing his indignation at the affront offered to Roman Catholics by the Government's opposition to the Religious Disabilities Bill promoted by Mr Gladstone. "I shall be sorry," he writes, "to have it supposed that I for one moment think the members of the Government personally hold opinions hostile to the Bill. But to many of us, who throughout these last years of conflict and anxiety have been eager to serve our country by supporting that party which we believed most likely to promote its true interests, it is an ungrateful surprise to find our claims for justice sacrificed to the noisy declamation of heated bigotry." The Duke of Norfolk, as a great English nobleman, as well as a Roman Catholic, possesses no small amount of political influence, and his displeasure or alienation cannot be lightly regarded by the Conservative party. His letter illustrates the tactical as well as the moral advantage Mr Gladstone has gained by Wednesday's debate. The probability is that if Lord Hartington had made it clear that the Liberal Unionist party could not support the Government in resisting Mr Gladstone's Bill, the Ministers would have given way and the measure would have been passed with little debate or trouble. The angry remonstrance from the Duke of Norfolk just published will possibly convince the Ministers that it would after all have been wiser for them if, notwithstanding Lord Hartington's weakness and wobbling, they had declined the responsibility of opposing the measure and left the House to deal with it as a non-party measure.

THE Glasgow Presbytery of the Established Church of Scotland has by a majority of 26 to 22 rejected a motion "recommending that Kirk Sessions and committees of all congregations do their utmost to dissociate dinners on the occasion of ordination of ministers from the use of intoxicating liquors." The amendment adopted acknowledged the evils of intemperance, but declared it inexpedient to make any recommendation regarding the use of wine at the dinners celebrating the inductions of ministers to congregations. The decision of the Glasgow Presbytery has caused much surprise, because in recent years Established Churchmen have been making praiseworthy efforts to promote the cause of temperance in the land. These efforts were all the more worthy of encouragement and of recognition because of the fact that the overwhelming majority of publicans in Scotland are now connected with the Established Church, large numbers of them having broken away from the free churches owing to their identification with the total abstinence movement. The discussion and the division in the Glasgow Presbytery have, however, shown that a large number of the clergy still believe in the use of a little wine for the stomach's sake; in other words, that they think total abstinence may be a very good thing for the common people, but that the full-fledged ordained minister can afford with impunity to drink and be merry. Perhaps there is not another religious body in Scotland in which it would have been possible to pass such a resolution as that adopted by the Glasgow Presbytery. The Evangelical Unionists and nearly all the Baptists and all the Congregationalists, with the vast majority of the Free Church of Scotland ministers and of the United Presbyterian ministers, are abstainers, and in the Nonconformist Theological Halls nearly all the students are teetotallers.

THE directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company yesterday met their shareholders under conditions very dissimilar from those under which the North British directors a few days previously held their half-yearly meeting with their constituents. The chief cause of the difference, we need scarcely say, was the manner in which the two Boards dealt with the labour question that presented itself to them in so threatening a way at Christmas time. While the North-Eastern Board listened to reason and sought the ways of peace, the North British Board insisted on absolute submission, and enforced a policy of war. The results were that in the North-Eastern district a strike was avoided, the public interest and convenience were considered, and the reputation of the Board for fair dealing and administrative capacity was maintained, while in the North British district the interests alike of the shareholders and of the public were sacrificed, and the feeling of distrust of the management was intensified. At Edinburgh the Marquis of Tweeddale, the North British Chairman, was called upon to answer a charge that his Board had prolonged for weeks a disastrous dispute which ought to have been settled without a strike; and the experience of the North-Eastern directors gives point and truth to this accusation of practical unwisdom, not reckless policy. However, the war now over; and it is encouraging observe that both chairmen now agree advocating the maintenance of friendly tions between the Boards and the staffs. The language of Mr Dent-Dent particularly reassuring. He warned shareholders that the demand of the w for a greater share of the profits earned had hitherto been paid them must be Yet while showing himself prepared to support the claims of the working staff for wages and less onerous conditions of [illegible] spoke hopefully of the future of the Comp as a business enterprise; and, anxious f provement all round, he cheerfully comed the proposed Parliamentary into the relations between the railway panies and their servants. He is satis such an enquiry will show that so far North-Eastern is concerned there is a desire on the part of the management vent excessive hours consistently the efficient and business-like working system. Mr Dent-Dent has every [illegible] that no attempt will be made to regu details of railway administration by Parliament. A certain freedom of needed in the public interest to mee gencies as they arise, and at times a pro tion of working hours is unavoidable misfortunes are to be prevented. [illegible] quite prepared to welcome all hints an gestions and provisions which give pro the reduction of friction to the minim the increase of efficiency and of th safety and convenience to the max

LONDON NOTES.

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Our special correspondent writes [illegible] of the House a belief prevails that [illegible] reconciling the two sections of the [illegible] at last been discovered, and [illegible] to the nature of the arrangement [illegible] known, but it may be assumed a [illegible] Gladstonian surrender of which [illegible] exists only in the imagination of the Rulers.

The *Times* states that Mr Parn [illegible] right to nominate a majority of [illegible] candidates at the next election. A [illegible] so the story runs, to nominate [illegible] deference to the diplomatic [illegible] Messrs Dillon and O'Brien, he [illegible] waived his original demand, [illegible] present this modest proposal. If Mr [illegible] tains this trivial concession, and [illegible] "for the present," it will be [illegible] pulpit politicians adjust the [illegible] new development.

An endeavour is to be made on [illegible] up the law with regard to the [illegible] Catholics to hold the offices of [illegible] of England and Lord Lieutenant [illegible] Mr Causton and Mr Summers [illegible] placed upon the notice paper [illegible] relating to this subject. The question [illegible] ber for Huddersfield is, I understand [illegible] that which was put by Sir Col [illegible] Sir John Coleridge on May [illegible] "If, according to the existing law [illegible] qualification is necessary for the [illegible] Chancellor of England or Lord [illegible] Ireland, and especially whether [illegible] a Jew is eligible to hold [illegible] offices." It is thought that [illegible] the guidance of future Prime [illegible] present Attorney-General were [illegible] legal opinion on the point and [illegible] or to dispute the view to which [illegible] gave expression nearly twenty years [illegible]

General Goldsworthy has given [illegible] tention to move the rejection of the [illegible] Bill.

Mr Gladstone, Mr Henry Fowler [illegible] dined with Sir Charles Forster [illegible] house in Queen Anne's Gate.

Mr Ritchie has given Mr Healy [illegible] that he will endeavour to amend the [illegible] Registration (Acceleration) Bill so as [illegible] applicable to Ireland as well as to the [illegible]

Mr Chamberlain has moved for a [illegible] details of the loss of life at sea [illegible] His Merchant Shipping Bill of 1884 [illegible] petus from some official statistics [illegible] enormous fatalities at sea from preventable [illegible] and he is anxious to see what effect [illegible] measure has had.

The Factories and Workshops Act [illegible] Bill—which the Home Secretary [illegible] will be printed and issued in a few [illegible] enable members to digest its provisions [illegible] 18th inst., on which day Sir Henry [illegible] the same subject stands for second reading [illegible] probability a proposal will be made to [illegible] Bills to a Select Committee.

The Commission on mining royalties [illegible] twice this week, and taken evidence from [illegible] Derbyshire, and Lancashire. W [illegible] last-named county testified that strikes [illegible] had frequently been occasioned [illegible] stringent terms and onerous [illegible] royalties and wayleaves. The next [illegible] Commission will be held on Wednesday [illegible] Mr John Wilson, M.P., and Mr Charles [illegible] M.P., will give evidence.

Arrangements are being made for a [illegible] of the German Emperor to England. [illegible] is particularly anxious to become acquainted [illegible] the business methods adopted in connection [illegible] on the large Stock Exchanges of [illegible] vincial towns; and a courier, who [illegible] London from Berlin, is engaged in making [illegible] ments for the Kaiser to visit the [illegible] cial Exchanges during his visit. [illegible] will be accompanied by the Empress [illegible] his children, who will be the guests [illegible]

The fact that Easter falls on a [illegible] this year (March 29) has caused a [illegible] and figures" to collect some [illegible] In 1883, he says, Easter fell on M [illegible] will only once again this century [illegible] 1894, fall on so early a date [illegible] following centuries it will occur [illegible] on the same date—namely, [illegible] 2057, 2103, 2114, 2125, and 2193 [illegible] date on which Easter can fall [illegible] this only in case the moon [illegible] when this date happens to fall [illegible] combination of circumstances [illegible] it occurred in 1093, 1761, and [illegible] happen again in 1930, 2076, and [illegible] the three following centuries [illegible] the books" at this early date. [illegible] Easter never falls later than April [illegible] case in 1666, 1734, and 1886 [illegible] once in the next century—namely [illegible]

Since the people cannot go to the [illegible] mons, Mr Harry Furniss [illegible] House of Commons to the people [illegible] years been hard at work [illegible] and extensive scheme in [illegible] architectural features of the [illegible] of all its notabilities, with the [illegible] assume when they talk or [illegible] House. He has also written a [illegible] the daily proceedings from the [illegible] chaplain says prayers to the [illegible] journment. His sketches will be [illegible] sheet and exhibited by lime-light [illegible] with his lecture, and mentions [illegible] whether Mr Gladstone, Sir W [illegible] W. H. Smith, Lord Randolph [illegible] Richard Temple—instantly [illegible] white sheet a living presentment [illegible] The lecture and the sketches are [illegible] in the course of a few days a [illegible] given at some place in the country [illegible] entering upon a London season. [illegible] Furniss intends to make a tour [illegible] taking his tackle and his pictures [illegible]

THROAT IRRITATION AND C [illegible] and dryness, tickling and irritation [illegible] affecting the voice. For these symptoms [illegible] Glycerine Jujubes. In contact [illegible] the moment they are excited by the [illegible] ing, the Glycerine in these [illegible] tions becomes actively healing [illegible] boxes 7½d, tins 1s 1½d, labelled [illegible] EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists [illegible] Dr. Moore, in his work on "Nose and Throat [illegible] says: "The Glycerine Jujubes prepared [illegible] Epps and Co. are of undoubted service [illegible] or palliative agent;" while Dr. Gordon [illegible] Physician to the Municipal Throat and [illegible] writes: "After an extended trial, I have [illegible] Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit [illegible] all forms of throat disease."—ADVT.

Darlington Fent Store Company's [illegible] business enables them to supply goods [illegible] below any other house in the North. [illegible] Trimmings, and Dress Silks at half-price [illegible] per yard upwards. This is guaranteed [illegible] to see patterns.—ADVT.

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KAY'S COMPOUND, for Coughs and Asthma, and Bronchitis are [illegible]

MEETING OF THE NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

THE CHAIRMAN AND THE RECENT DISPUTE.

There was a crowded attendance at the half-yearly meeting of the North-Eastern Railway proprietors yesterday at the De Grey Rooms, York, where Mr John Dent-Dent presided, and moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, which was published yesterday.—The CHAIRMAN first touched upon the capital expenditure of the Company, which had not been very serious for the half-year. In the course of the half year it was possible that they might have to call a special meeting for the purpose of creating new share capital. It might seem to them strange that with an increase of revenue of £177,000 on the half-year there should be an increase of £221,000 in the expenditure, and a decrease in the dividend of one half per cent. (Hear, hear.) One reason for this was that wages had increased £62,000. This arose from the fact, no doubt, to some extent, that more men were employed by the Company; but it was due to a much larger extent to the fact that they had, as many other companies had had to do in the North of England, to improve the conditions of life and the wages of their employees. He warned the proprietors that they would have to face the fact that there was a growing tendency, which they would have to meet, on the part of the workers to expect a larger share of the profits earned, as compared with those taken by the capitalists, than formerly. It was, perhaps, a legitimate aspiration on their part. Then, again, their expenses were increased by the greater cost of fuel, to the extent of £71,000. This would be readily understood when he stated that they had been paying 10s 6d per ton for coal, against 7s during the previous half-year. They had also to undertake very considerable works, which the growing needs of the traffic forced upon them, and he argued that it was a sound and right policy to pay for these expenses out of revenue, rather than out of capital account. There had been a great increase in the passenger traffic, which had been for some time past rapidly overtaking the goods and mineral traffic. The mineral traffic had hitherto been considered the mainstay of the line; but the passenger traffic was now gaining an equally important position in their company, and the consequence was that they were being called upon now to provide increased station accommodation in all directions. The receipts from goods had been about stationary, and the fact that it had not increased had been due, he thought, to the fluctuations in the iron trade and the check which had taken place in the shipping trade. More iron had been sent away to foreign ports, but less had been conveyed to stations in their own district. Their country districts had somewhat improved, but there had not been that spring forward which there had been two years ago. Their mineral traffic had increased by £74,000, which was, to a very considerable extent, due to the enhanced price of iron, owing to which they no longer had to grant the rebates of rates upon it which they granted during times of depression. He believed that when alterations now in progress at Glasgow were carried out there would be a considerable increase in the travelling facilities for the public of the North-East coast.

THE RECENT DISPUTE.

The Chairman proceeded to review the history of the dispute with the men on the line. He said the latter put forward a programme, formulated by the Amalgamated Society, which the directors felt they could not accede to. A ballot which was taken of the men as to their readiness to strike for the purpose of enforcing this programme proved very much against a strike, and when the directors heard this they took the question into consideration, and framed a scheme for decreasing the amount of Sunday labour of the men and making other improvements for them. Before, however, they could formulate these improvements the directors received notice of a strike from the Newcastle district. The directors felt that a strike at Christmas would be a most awkward thing, particularly in the Newcastle district, than which there was not a stronger centre of trades unionism in the kingdom, and they could not tell how far a strike might spread from there. The directors declined to treat with the officials of the trades unions, but would only deal directly with their men themselves. The trades union officials were, however, allowed to attend as advisers to the men, and thus the difficulty was smoothed away, and the dispute was settled by mutual concessions and conciliation. A smaller dispute, of a similar character, had occurred directly afterwards at Hull. He thought this had not effected any great inconvenience to the traffic, as the men returned to work in two or three days, a similar settlement being arrived at. There was no doubt the men had worked long hours, but this could not be avoided, owing to the difficulties under which railway companies had to labour, and which were not sufficiently appreciated by the public; it could not be avoided, nor could it even be avoided that they should have to work occasionally very long hours. He thought the difficulties under which railway directors laboured had never been sufficiently put before the public, and, therefore, he was glad that it was now proposed to hold a Parliamentary enquiry into the relations between the railway companies and their servants. They wished to have the truth brought out. They wished, as far as possible, to avoid anything like systematic long hours in their system; it was neither to the benefit of themselves, of the men, nor of the public. (Hear, hear.) He did not, however, think they could regulate the hours of the men by Act of Parliament. Reformations might arise, to a certain extent, from a reorganisation of work, which would mean the enlarging of the goods departments and engaging more men, whom they had not at present room for. They would also have to enlarge their stations, and to put in new relief sidings, also new engines, to effect exchanges at certain stages of the journeys. Even when this was done, however, they must still have some long hours; and his experience was that many of the men did not only not object to long hours, but absolutely liked them. Whatever happened, however, the directors must manage the railway themselves. (Hear, hear.) If the men wanted to get a share in the management they would have to buy them out. They had the responsibility of managing the line upon their shoulders, and they meant to manage it. Railway directors were between the devil and the deep sea. On the one hand it was proposed to reduce their charging powers, and on the other it was proposed that they should work their men shorter hours, and pay them more money for overtime, which meant an effort on one side to decrease their earnings, and on the other to increase their expenses. Still the directors did not despair, and felt confident that they would get good earnings so as to enable them to return dividends which gave a fair interest on capital.

NEW UNDERTAKINGS.

Mr Dent then proceeded to deal with the nature of the provisions contained in the Bills which the directors proposed to promote in Parliament to raise money for improvements at North Stockton, Goole, and Castleton and to assist the Hull Dock Company in the extension of their docks. It was proposed thus to raise £575,000 by new stock, and £190,000 by borrowing.

£10,000 FOR MR TENNANT.

Mr Dent then referred to the retirement of Mr Tennant from the general managership, alluding in most eulogistic terms to the great value of the services which Mr Tennant had rendered to the Company during the many years he had served them. In all their struggles with other companies Mr Tennant had brought them off successfully except in one case—that of the Hull and Barnsley Railway Company, and this was a victory which had, he thought, cost the victors far more dearly than a defeat would have done. (Hear, hear.) He was glad to tell the meeting that they would be able to retain the services of Mr Tennant upon the directorate, and as a recognition of his past services, and a retaining fee as a director, the directors proposed that the Company should present that gentleman with a sum of £10,000—(applause)—a similar sum to that which they had granted Mr Allport. As General Manager to succeed Mr Tennant, the directors had decided to appoint Mr Gibb, their solicitor. As solicitor to the Company, the directors had, after careful consideration, decided to appoint Mr R. Butterworth, who had been for some years with the Great Western Railway Company, and who had done a manful and good work before the Railway Rates Enquiry. (Applause.) He moved the adoption of the report.

Sir JOSEPH PEASE, M.P., in seconding, referred with gratification to the fact that their chairman had just been chosen as chairman of the Railway Companies' Association.

Mr DUNCAN (Sunderland), in supporting, alluded to the value of the services of Mr Christison, which observations the Chairman endorsed.—The motion was carried *nem. con.*, as were subsequent ones from the chair for the payment of dividend at the rate of 7¼ per cent. per annum, and the grant of £10,000 to Mr Tennant.—Mr TENNANT, in acknowledgment, said he hoped that his connection with the North-Eastern Railway would last a long time yet, and he should always be prepared to do everything he could for the promotion of its interests. He felt that he was parting with the responsibility of a great deal of detail, but his connection with the Company and his interest in it would remain unaltered. (Applause.)—The retiring officers were then re-elected *nem. con.*, and the ordinary meeting then closed; and the gathering was constituted an extraordinary meeting at which resolutions were passed authorising the directors to promote in Parliament the Bills referred to above.

PROBABLE STRIKE OF LEEDS GAS-WORKERS.

The Leeds Corporation have dismissed 66 of their gasworkers, and the men allege that this is in revenge for the part they took in the strike last July, when the town was thrown into darkness. The men's Union has taken the matter up, and another strike is probable.

The Editor of the *Medical Annual* for 1890 points out that potash is largely used to add to the solubility of many of the Cocoas at present sold, but that, in marked contrast, MESSRS CADBURY supply an absolutely pure Cocoa of the highest quality; and that the name CADBURY on any packet of Cocoa or Chocolate is a guarantee of purity.—ADVT.

"SAPO-LINI," containing Linseed Jelly, is a Perfumed Emulsive Toilet Soap. Of Chemists.—ADVT

KAY'S TIC PILLS, specific in Neuralgia, Face-ache, 9½d and 13½d; postage, 1d. All Chemists.—ADVT.

COLMAN'S SINAPISM.—The Improved Mustard Plaster, three for seven stamps. All chemists and Grocers. COLMAN'S, 108, Cannon-street, London.—ADVT

MARRIED UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME.

A REMARKABLE NULLITY SUIT.

A curious nullity suit was heard by Sir Francis Jeune in the Divorce Division yesterday. A young woman named Churcher married a young man named McDonell at Birmingham in 1862, but the latter, to keep the marriage secret, gave a different name and description to the Vicar of All Saints' Church, where the banns were published, and he was married under the assumed name. He left his wife in 1864, and she went to America afterwards, where she met a Mr Tritton, and believing McDonell was dead accepted Tritton's offer of marriage. She returned to England some years later, and discovered that McDonell was alive. She now sought to have the marriage with McDonell annulled, on the ground that the banns were improperly published. She declared that she went through the ceremony believing it was no marriage at all.—His lordship, however, said he was not satisfied that the petitioner believed the marriage was bad, and refused to annul the marriage.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RELIGIOUS DISABILITIES BILL.

PROTEST FROM THE DUKE OF NORFOLK.

The Duke of Norfolk writes to yesterday's *Times* as follows:—"I cannot let the course taken yesterday by the Government with regard to the Religious Disabilities Removal Bill pass without a protest on behalf of the Catholic subjects of the Queen. If we have never thought it necessary to seriously press for the removal of the disabilities which Mr Gladstone's Bill was intended to take away, it is because we looked upon them rather as interesting reminders of the many sufferings of the past than as enactments intentionally retained by our fellow-countrymen as an affront to our religion and a slur upon our loyalty. When, therefore, Mr Gladstone comes forward to wipe out these lingering records of evil days, it is impossible that we should not feel deeply pained, and I must add honestly indignant, at the opposition which the Government have offered to his just measure. Had we asked the Government to stir in the matter themselves, or to give a hearty support to the Bill when once brought in by others, we should not have expected a rebuff. I doubt if it occurred to any of us as possible that they would oppose it, and by so doing reopen a wound which we had learnt not to feel. I should be sorry to have it supposed that I for one moment think the members of the Government personally hold opinions hostile to the Bill. But to many of us, who throughout these last years of conflict and anxiety have been eager to serve our country by supporting that party which we believed most likely to promote its true interests, it is an ungrateful surprise to find our claims for justice sacrificed to the noisy declamation of heated bigotry."

THE TYPHOID EPIDEMIC ON TEES-SIDE.

ABATEMENT AT STOCKTON.

HEAVY DEATH RATE.

Last evening at the fortnightly meeting of the Stockton Urban Sanitary Authority, the Mayor (Councillor R. H. Appleton) presiding, the Medical Officer (Dr. J. H. Clegg) reported that during the past fortnight 36 cases of typhoid fever and 6 cases of continued fever had been notified to exist. Eight cases of scarlet fever had been reported. On enquiry he found that a child from an infected house had been in attendance at one of the Board Schools, and he had made arrangements with the School Board officials which he thought would in the future prevent any such case occurring again. A case of diphtheria and a fatal case of puerperal fever had also been notified. The typhoid epidemic was gradually abating. A severe epidemic of measles had, however, arisen, and the mortality from this cause alone was great, no less than 16 deaths having been registered during January. The number of deaths registered for the month of January was 157, giving an average of 37·65 per 1,000 per annum. This was by far the heaviest death rate that had occurred in the borough for any month for the past six years, and could only be accounted for by a variety of influences, amongst others the severe weather, which has caused a large increase in the deaths from respiratory diseases, and to the existence in our midst of two epidemics, viz., typhoid and measles. The deaths from the former disease were 18, as compared with one in the corresponding month of last year. The deaths from the latter were 16, as against *nil* for the corresponding period. The other causes of death were:—Whooping cough 4, diphtheria 1, puerperal fever 1, scrofulous diseases 14, diseases of respiratory organs 27, diseases of organs of circulation 18, injuries 5, other causes 53. The births for the month of January were 175, giving an average of 42 per 1,000 per annum.—The report was adopted.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

The Speaker took the chair yesterday shortly after three, and almost at once a lengthy debate arose on the question affecting local government.—Mr Stuart Wortley, Under Secretary of the Home Office, moved the appointment of a Committee of nine members to deal with private Bills promoted by municipal and other local authorities by which it was proposed to create powers relating to police and sanitary regulations which deviate from or are an extension or are repugnant to the general law.—Mr H. H. Fowler pointed out the desirability of preventing local bodies obtaining by private Bills what they could now obtain by provisional orders; and he dwelt upon the growing indebtedness of local bodies.—Mr F. S. Powell having spoken, Mr Ritchie said he entirely concurred with the view of Mr Fowler, though he reminded the right honourable gentleman how great an improvement had taken place in late years in the sanitary condition of provincial towns consequently upon the increased expenditure.—After some remarks from Mr Courtney the Committee was appointed, and a motion by Mr Fowler, instructing the Committee not to insert in any Bill referred to them any clauses relating to matters which are subject of provisions in the Infectious Disease Notification Act, 1889, the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, or the Infectious Disease Prevention Act, 1890, was carried.

A COMPREHENSIVE RESOLUTION.

Dr. Clark gave notice that on that day four weeks he should call attention to the present mode of legislating for the domestic affairs of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, and move a resolution. (A laugh.)

FATHER HUMPHREYS AND THE POLICE.

Mr T. M. Healy complained that Father Humphreys, of Tipperary, was being dogged by the police, Constable King keeping within ear-shot. Would the Government give orders for the constable to remain at least three or four yards distant? (Nationalist cheers.)—The Attorney-General was understood to reply that this was a matter for the police.—Mr Sexton said this constable when warned against trespassing drew a revolver, and was fined by the special agents of the Government—namely, the removable magistrates. (Nationalist cheers.) Was this a proper person to follow Father Humphreys?—The Attorney-General said he had no information. (Cheers.)

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach informed Sir Geo. Baden Powell that he had secured the report of the Committee of the Board of Trade appointed to consider the recommendations of the International Maritime Conference, and was now considering it. He hoped shortly to lay it on the table.

CEYLON AND IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

Baron de Worms, replying to Sir Roper Lethbridge, said the Colonial Secretary had, after careful consideration, decided that there was no reason why Ceylon should not bear its fair share of the cost of Imperial and local defence. This decision would shortly be conveyed to the colony with a full statement of the grounds.—Sir Roper Lethbridge reminded the Baron de Worms that Trincomalee was the headquarters of the Imperial navy in Indian waters. Should not Ceylon be exempt from provision for its military defence? (Oh!)—Baron de Worms said he should say Bombay was the headquarters, but the whole question had been carefully considered, and Ceylon should pay its share.

PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Mr W. H. Smith, replying to Mr Gladstone, made a statement respecting public business. The slow progress with the Tithes Bill would necessitate its consideration on Monday in the place of Mr Morley's Irish motion. If the Tithes Bill were concluded on Monday, Mr Morley's motion would be taken on Thursday if not, he was afraid he could not now name a day for the motion. The Government could not give more than two days for the challenge of the policy of the Irish executive.—Mr Gladstone admitted that this was a perfectly just and fair proceeding. No doubt the right hon. gentleman felt that progress must be made with Supply.—Mr Smith said that was so.

THE UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT BILL.

Sir Roper Lethbridge called attention to the United States Copyright Bill and its probable effect on British printing and publishing industries, but Mr W. H. Smith pointed out that at present it was merely a proposal for legislation such as had been before Congress for the last three years.

THE LONDON LIVERYMEN.

Upon going into Committee of Supply, Mr James Rowlands moved that the Government should take steps to abolish the anomalous franchise possessed by the liverymen of the City of London, which gave votes to persons who had no direct residential or business connection with the city. This was opposed by the Home Secretary and others, and on a division was defeated.—Mr Conybeare was moving a resolution on royalties, dues, and way leases on mines, when the House was counted out at a quarter-past seven o'clock.

ARREST OF AN ABSCONDING BANK CLERK.—A man, supposed to be Grigenheim, who recently absconded from a bank in Paris with 1,000,000f., has been arrested in Lisbon.

THE RUSSIAN TYRANNY OVER THE JEWS.—The measures which the Russian Government recently proposed to put in force against the Jews have been deferred for three years.

NO NEW THING.—Sold in Middlesbrough nearly 20 years, W. L. Morton's 2s Tea. It suits the water of the district.—ADVT.

NE PLUS ULTRA.—A Perfect Beverage—Fry's Pure Concentrated Cocoa. Described by the "Lancet" as "Pure, free from added starch and sugar," and by the "Medical Times" as "eminently suitable for invalids." In tins only, of all Grocers.—ADVT

If your Watch Stops take it to Collingwoods', when you may rely on having it made right. Repairs cheaply, quickly, and well done.—ADVT.

ALLEGED CHEATING BY A BARONET.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AS A WITNESS.

The London *Star* says the Prince of Wales will shortly appear as a witness in a sensational slander case brought by a well-known baronet against certain persons for alleging that he cheated in a game of baccarat, in which the Prince was playing.

A FATHER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

A coroner's jury at Jarrow yesterday found George Stock, engraver, guilty of the manslaughter of his eighteen weeks' old child by neglecting it so that it died.

THREATENING TO STAB A SCOTCH "BLACKLEG."

At Greenock Police Court yesterday Alexander Scott, formerly a signalman on the Caledonian Railway, was sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment for drawing a knife and threatening another signalman.

A WORKMAN SHOT BY HIS COMRADE.

At an inquest held at Tunstall, Staffordshire, yesterday morning on the body of John Lightwood, who was accidentally shot dead by a fellow-workman named Leighton on Wednesday, a verdict of death from misadventure was returned.

A WEALTHY TRAMP DIES OF HUNGER.

The dead body of Charles Glass, a tramp, 66 years of age, has just been found in Haughton Woods, Aberdeenshire. In his pocket were two deposit receipts—one for £320, the other for £50—a £5 note, and some loose silver. A doctor who examined the body reports that Glass died from want and exposure.

KILLED AFTER A DRINKING BOUT.

Last night a man named John Wood (32) went into a neighbour's house on a drinking bout at Low Spennymoor. He helped to drink two bottles of whisky, and about 1.30 this morning became drunk fell off his seat to the floor, inflicting a nasty wound on the back of his head, from the effects of which he died soon afterwards.

GREAT FAILURE IN BRADFORD.

LIABILITIES, £83,000.

A meeting of the creditors of Messrs Mitchell and Shepherd, manufacturers, Springmill-street, Bradford, was held yesterday afternoon. The liabilities were shown to be just under £83,000, and the assets £41,000. The estate was assigned to the Bradford Old Bank, a relative of one of the partners guaranteeing the creditors 9s in the £. Mr Mitchell is chairman of the Bradford Conservative Association.

A SCARBOROUGH VESSEL SUNK.

A serious collision, involving the loss of the Scarborough iron fishing smack Northern Belle, occurred off Flamborough on Thursday morning. It seems that the vessel was 25 miles south-east-by-south of Flamborough Head, when in a thick fog she was struck amidships by the Wilson Line steamship Bravo, bound from Hull to Stavanger. The impact was so severe that the Northern Belle quickly sank, but not before the crew had managed to scramble aboard the Bravo. The men were subsequently transferred to the smack Lily, also of Scarborough, and landed at that port *minus* the whole of their property. The Northern Belle was owned by Mr J. F. Seals, H. F. Waller being the master, and she was of 80 tons register.

PATHETIC STORY OF ENTOMBED MINERS.

At Ralph's Coal Mine, at Huntley, on the Waikato River, New Zealand, where a slip of earth had occurred imprisoning several men, as one of the rescue parties was at work they heard two of the entombed men talking for two hours. Both were Catholics, and both were engaged in prayer. They were heard reciting the Lord's Prayer and "Hail, Mary." As the miners were working for their release another fall of earth occurred, cutting off all chance of saving them. The rescue party, however, again set to work with undaunted spirit, and when they at last reached the men they were found dead, clasped in each other's arms.

THE SHOOTING OF A SCHOOL TEACHER.

Miss Edge continues to improve. Mr C. H. Shaw, the surgeon in attendance, accompanied by Mr Favell, surgeon, visited her yesterday afternoon, and after a close and critical examination, decided on the exact place where the bullet had lodged. This is not, as was generally supposed, just under the right eye, but is slightly above it. It was decided by these gentlemen that no attempt should be made to extract the bullet until the patient was physically strong enough to bear the operation. In her present weak and exhausted condition this would not be wise, and all the medical effort is directed to keeping her quiet and at rest.

A GLASGOW BISCUIT FACTORY BURNT.

This morning flames broke out at Reid's biscuit factory in North Albion-street, Glasgow. The factory is one of the largest in the city, and is situated immediately opposite the Central Fire Station. The flames speedily obtained the mastery, and the whole building was destroyed. Two firemen had narrow escapes. The loss will amount to about £20,000, of which about £8,000 represents machinery, and £2,000 the flour stored in the building. The inmates of the adjoining dwellings fled when the outbreak occurred, many in their night clothes. After the flames had been got under another fire broke out at the works of H. Jones, warper and winder, in Shuttle-street, close by, caused, it is supposed, by a spark from the biscuit factory. Damage was done to the extent of £1,000.

A PERSIAN PRINCE AND ENGLISH LAW.

Mr Reid, Q.C., moved in a Divisional Court of Queen's Bench yesterday to set aside the service of a writ upon Prince Mikayl Khan, counsel to the Persian Embassy, on the ground that the defendant being attached to the Persian Embassy he was privileged under the statute of Queen Anne from civil process in this country. The writ, it appeared, was served at the instance of the Persian Investment Company in a suit to recover £2,300 allotment money. Mr Pollard, on the other side, contended that to bring the defendant within the privilege he must not only be attached to the Embassy, but be the servant of the Ambassador. He was also not within the privilege because he was subject to the Bankruptcy Laws, having sold a concession to the defendant company for £220,000, and being a director of the company.—Their lordships were not satisfied with the materials before them, and adjourned the hearing of the case till after Easter for a certificate from the Persian Ambassador, and for a written affidavit.

SHOCKING DEATH OF A HUNWICK MAN.

Mr Coroner Dean yesterday afternoon held an enquiry at Hunwick Lane Ends into the circumstances attending the death of Thomas Watson (50), a miner belonging that place, whose dead body was found on Tuesday night on the road near to Hunwick Railway Station. The deceased man, on that night, left home in the best of spirits, saying that he was going to service in Rough Lea Wesleyan Chapel. About seven o'clock the driver of a heavily-laden mineral train from Deeness Junction, when about half a mile past Hunwick Station, felt a shock as if the engine had passed over some obstruction. The engine was at once stopped, and a search was made, when the body of Watson was found on the rails. The head was fractured, the right lung was protruding, the right hand nearly off, and the left arm cut open from the elbow to the shoulder. A finger and thumb were found on the railway three yards away from the dead body. The night was very dark. When searched, a Wesleyan class ticket and hymn-book were found on him.—A miner named Joseph Percival told the jury that for six weeks the deceased had been in low spirits, and had told witness that he had something on his mind which he wished to tell him when the opportunity occurred.—A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

ARCHBISHOP WALSH ON THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

The Executive of the Central branch of the National League, Dublin, having issued a circular advising the reorganisation of the League, Archbishop Walsh writes that to the clergy who hold membership in the League his advice is, first, to use every legitimate opportunity of pointing out to the members of the League in their respective districts the discreditable character of the proceedings in which it is now sought to involve the branches of the League throughout the country; secondly, to refuse with the utmost firmness to allow themselves to be in any way involved in the discredit of these proceedings, even though a majority of the members of the League in a district, carried away by the excitement of the moment, may be drawn into the adoption of the course suggested by the circular; thirdly, to withdraw at once from any meeting of a local branch of the League at which the adoption of that course may be resolved upon; fourthly, to keep themselves clear generally of all contact with the central organisation of the League in Dublin until that organisation is set free of the control at present exercised over it by some few of its more prominent members, especially by two of its members, whose language of unbridled insolence towards the bishops of Ireland it is no longer possible to overlook.

FREEDOM FROM COUGHS IN TEN MINUTES is given by DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS, and a rapid cure of Asthma, Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, and all Disorders of the Breath and Lungs. In Hysterical and Heart Complaints they are unfailing; in Rheumatic and Nervous Pains "they act like a charm." Nothing else gives such a sound, refreshing night's rest. Sold by all Druggists at 1s 1½d and 2s 9d per box.—ADVT. 10a

A FAIR BEAUTIFUL SKIN.—Sulpholine Soap gives the natural tint and peach-like bloom of a perfect complexion; makes the Skin smooth, supple, healthy, comfortable. 6d Tablets. Everywhere.—ADVT

A FAMILY ASPHYXIATED.

TERRIBLE DISCOVERY.

THE CORPSES LOOKED LIKE WAX MODELS.

At the Hungarian village of Komaron, near Great Kanisza, a peasant's child had fallen ill. The young doctor who was called in, suspecting the approach of brain fever, ordered powders of calomel and anti-pyrine. The regular doctor of the district visited the child the same evening, and confirmed his colleague's treatment though at first he thought the child showed signs of having swallowed poison. He noticed a bad smell in the house, but as bad smells are not uncommon in the houses of the Hungarian peasantry, he did not heed it. The next morning he was frightened out of his sleep by half the village, which had assembled outside his house with threats and the terrible news that in the peasant's house where the sick child was lying all had died in the night. He hastened to the scene, and describes it as having been most horrible. All the persons in the room had stiffened into death in the same lifelike position. The father was reclining in an old armchair, his head on one side. Near him was seated the old farm servant, the old glove he had just taken off still in his hand. The sick child lay dead on its pillow, and on a chair by its side sat the mother, whose head had fallen upon her breast, and whose hands were still holding the wet cloth meant for the sick child's head. In another bed a little girl was sitting up, dead like the rest. All had yellowish wax-like features, and the immobility of death with the lifelike attitude shocked even those who are habitually insensible. The two doctors attempted to revive some of the victims, but they soon saw that their efforts were of no avail. The village people then accused the old district doctor of having poisoned the family. With the younger doctor he locked himself up in the dead peasants' house. The inquest was held meanwhile, and it was found that the stove was defective, and had emitted so much gas in a short time that all the persons in the room died simultaneously, asphyxiated by the gas. The villagers, however, threatened to lynch the doctors, who finally went to the window with what was left of the powder prescribed, and swallowed it before them. A *post-mortem* examination of the victims proved that death had been caused by asphyxia. The excitement of the people has somewhat abated since the police posted bills threatening severe punishment to any who should speak a word against the doctors.

COAL DUST AND COLLIERY EXPLOSIONS.

It is stated that a Royal Commission, of which Mr Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., is chairman, has been appointed to enquire into the effect of coal-dust in colliery explosions.

THE HOARD OF A MISER MILLIONAIRE.

The Duchesse de la Torre, widow of Marshal Serrano, has come into a fortune which she had never expected to enjoy. She has just been informed that a treasure deposited in a bank in England by her grandfather, a great Cuban planter and a miser, has been discovered. He had first buried it in his garden near London, in the presence of two slaves, who disappeared. The Duchesse de la Torre will get by this discovery about £400,000. The entire sum discovered comes to £3,400,000. The Countess of Caithness, it is said, being also a granddaughter of the money-hiding planter, is equally entitled to £400,000.

TERRIBLE FLOODS IN CHINA.

1,000 LIVES LOST.

Advices from Shanghai, *via* San Francisco, state that the Governor-General of the Province of Pe-Chi-Li, Li Hung Chang, has reported to Pekin that the inhabitants of Shue Chang have suffered severely from devastations wrought by floods, which in the districts of Wen Chaun have destroyed temples, bridges, and city walls. It is estimated that the loss of life consequent on these inundations amounts to fully 1,000 persons. The suffering of the poor is intense, and roads are everywhere thronged with starving wretches proceeding to Shanghai. On the high roads communicating with Pao-Ting and Shan-Se corn and millet are being sold at double the price they were a year ago.

HORRIBLE MURDER BY A DAUGHTER.

A feeling of intense horror has been evoked in Blois (Loire-et-Cher), France, by the news that a terrible case of parricide occurred on Thursday in the suburbs of Villegoint, the victim being an old gentleman in his 78th year named Saule, a member of the Municipal Council of Blois. To add to the appalling nature of the crime the assassin is the daughter of the murdered man, and his nearest relatives are accused of being her accomplices. There had been disputes between the woman and her father, whom she accused of having been at the bottom of the serious quarrel which she had with her husband, and which had culminated in proceedings for a divorce. On Thursday morning she presented herself at the residence of M. Saule, who was still in bed, and, having forced her way into his room, poured forth a torrent of abuse, which provoked harsh rejoinders from the old man. At length, when the discussion had reached the highest pitch of acrimony, the daughter drew forth a revolver and fired pointblank at her father, who fell back mortally wounded, the ball having penetrated the throat. Not content in her ungovernable rage with having slain her victim, she threw herself upon the body, which had fallen from the bed on to the floor, and fired shot after shot into the corpse until every chamber of the revolver was emptied. The murderess, having finished her horrible work, left the house and went straight to the police station, where she gave herself up to the Commissary.

This Day's Sporting.

KEMPTON PARK MEETING.

FEBRUARY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 150 sovs. About three miles over the Steeplechase Course.

Anaconda	1
Brown Bess	2
Theodolite	3

Six ran.

STAINES HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles over eight hurdles.

West Brighton	1
Diavolo	2
Brown Sugar	3

Diavolo led to the last hurdles, where West Brighton challenged and won by a head; bad third.

LATEST ARRIVALS.—Sweetbread, Wild Meadow, Nix, Anaconda, Partisan, Bloodstone, Chirgwin, Edie, and Midshipmite.

THE BOARD OF TRADE ENQUIRY AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

THE MASTER'S CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED.

Yesterday judgment was given in the Board of Trade enquiry held at the Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, into the circumstances attending the collision by the steamer Middlesbrough, belonging to Messrs Hogg and Henderson, with a sailing vessel (name unknown) 30 miles south of St. Catherine's Point, off the Isle of Wight, on the 17th January.—The Court stated that the regulations for the prevention of collisions at sea were not complied with. The watch kept at the time of the collision was not sufficient, and a good and proper look-out was not kept. The vessel was not navigated with proper and seamanlike care. The second mate (John Henry Bell) should have stopped the engines immediately he first observed the vessel instead of attempting to get round her.—The Court found the master (William Stephenson) in default, and suspended his certificate for six months. The second mate's certificate would not be dealt with, as he had evidently, unlike the master, been wishful to succour the vessel with which his steamer had come into collision, but they severely reprimanded him.

THE STRANDING OF THE STEAMER CARRIE.

BOARD OF TRADE ENQUIRY.

A Board of Trade enquiry was opened at the Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, to-day, into the circumstances attending the stranding of the West Hartlepool steamer Carrie just outside the South Gare Breakwater at the mouth of the Tees on the 14th January.—The Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr C. J. Coleman) presided, assisted by Captains R. Ruthven and W. Purfitt, as nautical assessors.—Mr Burton (Sunderland), who represented the Board of Trade, opened the enquiry detailing the circumstances—already published—connected with the stranding of the Carrie, the breaking of the steering chains, and the consequent helplessness of the vessel, which the captain ran up on the beach to prevent her driving there broadside on. As to the most important part, so far as this enquiry was concerned he should call evidence to show that the chain which broke had been overhauled and parts replaced by Sir Raylton Dixon and Co. with new chain supplied by a Midland firm, and he produced the link which gave way, and which appeared to have opened at the weld. The chain broke when there was no great strain upon it, when the helm was steady amidship.—After the taking of the evidence of the captain and other witnesses the enquiry was adjourned till Monday.

COUNT MATTEI'S ELECTRO-HOMŒOPATHIC MEDICINES FOR ALL DISEASES.—Their efficacy is attested by persons of distinction in all parts of Europe, including Emperor and Empress of Austria, H.R.H. Ludwig of Bavaria, Princess Worontzoff, Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, General Ignatieff, Cardinal Lavigerie, Lady Paget, Duchess of Argyll, Lady Heron, Dr. Kennedy, L.C.R.S., L.R.C.P., Ed., Dr. Theobald, M.A., M.R.C.S., &c., &c. See their letters, telegrams, &c., in "Review of Reviews" for January. Sole Agent for this district, Mr H. H. Readman, 6, Richmond-road, Stockton. Descriptive circular free on application. Consultations, 5 to 7 p.m.—ADVT.

North Country News.

W. Reid's Drapery Sale will continue over Monday and Tuesday, when desperate lots will be offered on those days.—ADVT.

CONSUMPTION.—Dr. Koch Cures Consumption. Harburn's Pectoral Balsam prevents it. See Page 4.—ADVT.

W. Moore, 83, Westgate, Guisborough, asks us to state he is not the "Old Miner" whose letter was published in the *Gazette* the other day.

CENTENARY ADULT BIBLE CLASS.—Sunday, 2.30 p.m., address by Mr T. B. Willis, "A Prophet's Mistake."—ADVT.

MISSIONARY SERMONS!—At Centenary Chapel, Market-place, to morrow, 10.30 and 6.30 Preacher, Rev. W. J. Boote. Strangers welcome.—ADVT.

RAPID WRITING, &c.—Smart and Co., of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, receive pupils every Thursday, from 3 till 9, at the Oddfellows' Hall, Middlesbrough, for instruction in Penmanship, Book-keeping, Shorthand, Arithmetic, &c.—ADVT.

NORTH-COUNTRY POLICE PROMOTIONS.—Sergeant J. Respin, of Wolsingham, has been appointed inspector at Hebburn-on-Tyne, in the place of Inspector Snowdon, who is promoted to be the superintendent of the Stanhope and Wolsingham Petty Sessional Division, *vice* Superintendent Rd. Liddell, resigned.

THE JANUARY RAINFALL.—The monthly weather return published from the Albert Park, Middlesbrough, shows that during the month of January the rainfall amounted to 1·25 inches, against 1·68 in January last year, rain falling on 15 days against 20. The readings of the thermometer ranged from 39 degrees to 5 degrees, against 47 degrees to 21 degrees last year.

MILK SELLERS TO BE PROSECUTED AT STOCKTON.—Last evening at the meeting of the Stockton Urban Sanitary Authority Alderman Hind, J.P., said that repeated notices had been served calling upon all the milk dealers to comply with the Act and be registered, but in spite of warnings fifteen of them had neglected to take out licenses. He moved that proceedings be taken against these fifteen. This was carried unanimously.

SUDDEN DEATH AT YEARBY, REDCAR.—Yesterday forenoon Mr John Webster, a farmer and blacksmith, of Yearby, fell down dead in his house. He was apparently in the best of health, and had been engaged in his business up to the moment of his death. He was a native of Newby Wiske, and served his apprenticeship at Bowes. He was a Freemason and a member of the Marwood Lodge, Redcar, in which he held the office of senior steward, and was present at the lodge meeting held on Tuesday last.

HANDBELL RINGERS AT MIDDLESBROUGH.—The Royal handbell ringers and gleemen gave two very successful performances at the Middlesbrough Temperance Hall yesterday afternoon and evening. The performers were all adepts at handling the bells, besides being excellent harmony singers. The performance included such novelties as a professional whistler, an exposition of the telephone, a sleigh bell performance, and other attractive items, and marks of appreciation were liberally bestowed throughout. This evening the company perform at Saltburn.

STOCKTON LITERARY INSTITUTE.—This Society gave its first public lecture for the season in the Temperance Hall, Stockton, last night, Mr Willmott Dixon, LL.B., delivering an eloquent dissertation on the life and the question of the guilt or innocence of Mary, Queen of Scots. Alderman Hind, J.P., presided. The letters which were held to prove her guilt as regarded Darnley's death, he said, had been conclusively shown to be forgeries. He also exculpated her from conspiring against the life of Elizabeth.

FIRE AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.—A fire broke out last night at the Turkish Baths in Scarborough-street, and as the premises are surrounded by dwelling-houses considerable alarm was felt for a time. As it occurred before eleven o'clock, however, there was ample assistance at hand. Superintendent Parkinson and Inspector Tillar were early on the scene, and the fire brigade, under Captain Scott, also arrived. The flames, which were confined to the floor of the lower room, were speedily extinguished without much damage being done. The fire was caused by the overheating of the woodwork near the boiler. The damage is estimated at £15.

THE SCOTCH BLAST-FURNACEMEN'S STRIKE.—The strike of the Scotch blast-furnacemen stands in the same position as last reported. Mr Baker, President of the National Association of Blast-furnacemen, is still in Scotland, whither he travelled on Wednesday with the week's strike pay, and no report of negotiations for a settlement has been received as yet. Some pecuniary help has been received, including the second £200 of the £500 voted by the Scotch Iron-moulders, £15 from the United Pattern Makers' Association, through their Stockton branch, and £4 from the Riveters' Society. The Blast-furnacemen's Association continues to develop, four new lodges having been established in South Staffordshire.

THE HEALTH OF SKELTON AND BROTTON.—At yesterday's meeting of the Skelton and Brotton Local Board the Medical Officer (Dr. Staintborpe) reported that two deaths had occurred at Brotton from enteric fever, but neither case was due to any sanitary defect. One case was imported from Middlesbrough. A death had occurred at Lingdale from diphtheria, and he pointed out that a number of houses in Dixon-street at that village were unfit for habitation. During January 40 births and 21 deaths were registered, giving a birth and death rate respectively of 35·5 and 18·6 per 1,000 per annum. Five of the deaths had occurred in the Skelton district through whooping cough.

THE OUTBREAK OF PLEURO-PNEUMONIA NEAR STOCKTON.—Last evening at the meeting of the Stockton Urban Sanitary Authority, the Mayor in the chair, the Medical Officer reported that having received information that pleuro-pneumonia existed at some farms at Two Mile Houses, and that the animals affected and the remainder of each herd were being slaughtered, he, in company with the Inspector of Nuisances, visited the farms and saw the Government Inspector, from whom he learned that no meat whatever had been sold to any Stockton butcher, but that all the carcasses which were sound had been sent to be again inspected by an independent expert before being disposed of, and he felt satisfied that no meat under any circumstances would be allowed to come into Stockton from the infected area.

FUNERAL OF A MIDDLESBROUGH JOURNALIST.—The funeral of Mr William Thompson, late representative of the *Newcastle Chronicle* and other newspapers in Middlesbrough, took place yesterday afternoon at Linthorpe, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. W. Dales. Amongst those who attended as a mark of respect to the deceased were Alderman Scupham, ex-Mayor of Middlesbrough, Alderman Wedgwell, Councillor Pinder, Councillor William Watson, Mr E. D. Latham, Borough Engineer, Dr. Nixon, Mr J. R. Winpenny, Mr G. Scoby Smith (Bolckow, Vaughan, and Co.), Mr G. Hoggett, Mr T. Dent, and Mr Peacock. The journalists of the district were represented by Mr Henry Simpson (*Iron and Coal Trades' Review*), Mr F. W. Downie (*North-Eastern Daily Gazette*), Mr Geo. B. Hodgson (*Newcastle Leader*), and Mr Fookes, Darlington. Mr J. Hatcher, of Stockton, a former Pressman, was also present.

A RELIGIOUS DISABILITY.—At yesterday's meeting of the Hartlepool Board of Guardians a respectable couple from Coxhoe applied for permission to adopt a little girl named Boland, who is at present an inmate of the Workhouse. Applicants stated that three years ago they buried their own little girl, when seven years of age, and now desired to adopt the little girl Boland in her place. They produced excellent references, and promised to treat the child as their own.—Mr Jones said the child had been trained as a Catholic, and he objected to it being handed over to Protestants.—Applicants said they were quite willing that the child should be brought up in its own faith, and the Chairman thought the child should be allowed to go.—Mr Jones, however, pressed his objection, and the applicants were requested to make another selection. They expressed their willingness to do so, but the woman said she had taken a fancy to the little girl, and there was no other she would like so well.

THE PROGRESS OF THE ENGLISH REFORMATION.—Last evening in the Exchange Hall, Stockton, the Rev. Canon Talbot, diocesan lecturer, delivered the fourth of his series of lectures on "The English Reformation" before a large and attentive audience, his subject being the suppression of the monasteries and the progress of the Reformation. He indicated his opinion that their suppression was not necessarily an attack upon the Church itself. There was a day, doubtless, when monasteries were a great blessing. But institutions must be recast to suit the needs of the time, and in the sixteenth century the monasteries were of little use, and were producing no great men either in learning or piety. Having traced the Reformation to the close of the reign of Edward VI., he said that the Reformation had become an accomplished fact by that date, although not a universally admitted fact. Through the whole struggle there could be traced how out of a decaying system and a dying form of thought God had brought forth a new and better thing, a form of religion nearer to the primitive faith.

STOCKTON URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.—Last evening at a meeting of this Authority, the Mayor presiding, it was reported that there were ten patients in the temporary fever hospital, two having been admitted and two discharged during the fortnight.—Proceedings were ordered to be taken against Duncan Turner, keeper of a common lodging-house at 30, West-row, for violation of Bye-law 5.—The Borough Engineer reported having examined some vacant land in the neighbourhood of St. Ann's Hill, which was flooded with sewage owing to defective drainage, and as the ground was partly used for recreative purposes he recommended that it should be properly drained and levelled up.—This was agreed to.—It was decided to advertise for an Assistant Inspector of Nuisances.—Steps were ordered to be taken to prevent a further deposit of night-soil on land in Durham-road, where a nuisance was complained of.—With respect to the latter Alderman Hind pointed out the gravity of existing arrangements, for while Mr W. Anderson on the one hand was threatening them with an injunction, which would involve them in litigation costs, the scavenging contractor was unable to find another site for the deposit, and they were in the same difficulty. If they left the matter with him as chairman of the Sanitary Committee he must have plenary powers, and they must be prepared to spend a good sum of money. The scavenging contract would terminate on the 1st of April, but they would not be ready with their new arrangements by that date.

CHLORO-LINSEED Cough Lozenges, post free, 7d. Of Chemists.—ADVT.

KAY'S COMPOUND, a demulcent anodyne expectorant for Coughs, 9½d, 13½d. All Chemists.—ADVT

This Day's Commercial News.

Bank rate (discount)	3 p.c.
Market rate of disct., 60 days' drafts	1¾ p.c.
Do. do. 3 months	1⅞ p.c.
Do. do. 4 months	1 15-16 p.c.
Do. do. 6 months	2 1-16 to 2⅛ p.c.
Loans to bill-brokers, day to day	1 to 1½ p.c.
Rate for fortnight, loans to stock-brokers	2½ p.c.
Deposit allowance (banks)	1½ p.c.
Do. do. (discount houses)	1½ to 1¾ p.c.

The prospectus has been issued of the United Alkali Company, Limited, the authorised share capital of which is £6,000,000, in £10 shares, half Ordinary and half Preference, and there are also £2,500,000 in 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock, redeemable at 110 per cent., at the option of the company, after ten years, on six months' notice. The vendors and others have taken a large portion of the capital, and applications are now invited for the balance—namely, £302,650 in Ordinary shares, £659,970 in Preference shares, and £371,930 in Mortgage Debenture Stock. The company has been formed for the purpose of purchasing and consolidating into one undertaking various chemical works in the United Kingdom, in which some or all of the following chemicals are manufactured by what is known as the Leblanc process, namely:—Bleaching powder, soda ash, caustic soda, white alkali, sulphate of soda, crystals of soda, chlorate of potash, sulphuric acid, hydrochloric acid, sulphur, &c. In two of the works considerable plant is in operation for the manufacture of soda by the ammonia process. In addition to the chemical works, the company have made arrangements whereby they have power to acquire the salt mines and works in the county of Durham belonging respectively to the Newcastle Chemical Works Company, Limited and to Charles Tennant and Partners, Limited, and the salt mines and works of the Fleetwood Salt Company, Limited. Arrangements have, it is added, been made whereby the company have the power to acquire works and businesses of firms and companies embracing nearly the whole of the Leblanc manufactories of the United Kingdom.

The balance-sheet of the Birmingham and Midland Bank, Limited, is published to-day. The position of this institution is exceptionally strong. At the annual meeting of the shareholders, Mr John D. Goulman, the chairman, in announcing a dividend and bonus of 16 per cent., added that altogether the profits of the year amounted to £116,000, or 18 per cent. upon the capital. He proceeded to say:—Our capital is now £637,500, and our reserve fund is £500,000. It is a good proof that the recent changes have added to the strength of our bank to find that our reserve fund is now 78 per cent. on the amount of our capital, whereas last year it was only 70 per cent. The current and deposit accounts stand at £5,615,000; last year they were £3,481,000. The large difference is not wholly attributable to the amalgamation with the Yorkshire banks which has taken place since then, because our old business shows an increase in the amount of deposits of nearly £400,000—a very highly satisfactory fact, inasmuch as it shows the increasing confidence which is felt in the bank. Our cash is £326,584; this is very nearly double the amount of cash which we held last year. Our investments amount to £925,536, and these investments, I need scarcely tell you, are of the highest character. £500,000 is invested in British Government and Indian Guaranteed securities, and the remaining £425,000 in British and Colonial and Railway Debentures and Corporation Stock. Our bills of exchange stand at £1,374,383, and we have never felt more confidence in the character of the bills we hold. This is important as showing that we are well satisfied with the bills which our new business has brought into our bank. The very large amount of available assets which we hold, as compared with our liabilities, places us in a most satisfactory and secure position. These assets amount to 55½ per cent. upon our liabilities, and they are of such a character that we can turn them into money at any time when wanted at twenty-four hours' notice." The chairman spoke further of the soundness of the current accounts, and of the most satisfactory results of the recent amalgamation with the Leeds and County Bank and its ten branches, and with the Exchange and Discount Bank and its important branches at Hull and Bradford. "Nothing," he said, "can have been more satisfactory than the reception which we have met with in Yorkshire; and I think we may say we have been able in return to render good service to the traders of Yorkshire. I judge that we have succeeded in this by the liberal share of popularity and support which has been accorded to us there."

The following new business is offered to the public:—The Southport "Sunnyside" Hydropathic Establishment, Limited: capital £20,000, in 4,000 shares of £5 each, of which 3,600 are now offered. Lists now open. Offices, "Sunnyside," Saunders-street, Southport. The United Alkali Company (Limited): Share capital, £6,000,000, in 300,000 7 per cent. preference shares of £10 each, and 300,000 ordinary shares of £10 each; also £2,500,000 5 per cent. redeemable mortgage debentures. Present issue £302,650 ordinary, £659,970 preference, and £2,128,070 debenture stock. Lists open Monday, February 9th; close Thursday, February 12th. Offices: Exchange Buildings, Liverpool. The Ashley Patent (Machine-made) Bottle Company (Limited): Issue of £55,000 6 per cent. mortgage debentures of £20, £50, and £100 each. Applications to be sent before February 16th. Offices: Castleford. Goodwin Brothers, Limited.—Share capital £50,000 in 3,500 preference shares of £10 each, and 1,500 ordinary shares of £10 each. 3,500 preference shares now offered. Lists open to-day, and close on Wednesday, February 18th. Offices, Balderton Gate, Newark, Notts. Oxford Corporation Redeemable Stock. Issue of £260,000 3 per cent. stock. Tenders to be sent by Monday, February 16th.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

11.20 a.m.

Money in quiet demand at 1½ per cent., discount rates for three months' bills 1⅞ to 2 per cent. Very few bills offering. Consols unchanged. Rupee paper flat: fall: 4's ⅛, 4½'s ⅛. Home railways quiet and irregular. Americans firmer. Trunks unchanged, Mexican railways weak. Foreign bonds better. Mines steady. Nitrates quiet. The principal changes since closing last night are:—Home railways: South-Western 1, South-Eastern ½, and Midland ½ up, Great Western, North British, Great Eastern, North British Def., and North-Eastern ½ down. American railways: Northern Pacific Preference ⅜, Erie Seconds ½, Denver Pref., Norfolk Pref. ½, Canadian Pacific, Milwaukee, Louisville, and Reading ⅛ up, Central Pacific, and Lake Shore ½ down. Mexican railways: Ordinary ½, First and Second ¼ down. Foreign bonds: Peru Ordinary ⅛, Spanish ⅛, Cedulas and Prussian 4's ⅛, Italian ⅛, and Unified 1-16 up.

NEWCASTLE FREIGHT.

Market dull, with fewer transactions. Homeward freights firm from Black Sea and India. Charters include steamers—Tyne to Adra, 9/9. Adra, coke, 12/-; London, 3/6; Cherbourg, 5/6; Alexandria, 7/3; Civita Vecchia, 7/6; Novorossisk, home, 13/-, prompt; steamer Cetti from London, 9/-. Coal firmer, owing to labour troubles at Cardiff; best Northumbrian steam, 11/3; best Durham gas, 10/6. Chemicals and copper steady.

MIDDLESBROUGH IMPORTS & EXPORTS.

IMPORTS.—FEBRUARY 6.

Alexander Pirie, Aberdeen, general.
Balbus, Porman, 1,450 tons iron ore.
Abanto, Bilbao, 2,250 tons iron ore.
Viceroy, Bilbao, 800 tons iron ore.

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Jessie, St. Andrews, 36 tons potatoes.
Eden, Bilbao, 1,825 tons iron ore.
Alethea, Bilbao, 1,450 tons iron ore.
Santorin, Bilbao, 1,300 tons iron ore.

EXPORTS.—FEBRUARY 6.

Dolly Varden, Tyne, 200 tons pig iron.
Florin, Tyne, 80 tons old iron, 135 tons alkali.
Cyrus, Tyne, 220 tons salt.
G.M.B. Grangemouth, 660 tons pig iron.
Arrow, Tyne, 100 tons pig iron.
Jubilant, Dundee, 70 tons manufactured iron.
Sundswall, Rostock, 225 tons coals, 150 steel angles.
Hero, Calais, 650 tons pig iron.
J. M. Lennard, Lisbon, 520 tons pig iron.
Cornelia, Pomaron, 876 tons pig iron, 3 crates empty boxes and bottles, 237 dozen empty bags, 61 barrels petroleum, 5 tons steel plates.
Charlotte, Dantzic, 352 tons pig iron.
Agder, Christiania, 150 tons pig iron, 137 tons manufactured iron.
Astrologer, Dunkirk, 485 tons pig iron, 10 tons chemicals.
Orion, Memel, 761 tons salt.
Transition, Rangoon, 57 tons fire bricks, 10 tons fire clay, 145 tons manufactured iron, 602 tons steel.

FEBRUARY 7.

Cobden, London, 50 cases whisky, 900 tons manufactured iron, 55 tons pig iron, 45 tons alkali, and sundry other goods.
Gwendoline, Grangemouth, 650 tons pig iron.
Hawthorn, Grangemouth, 1,500 tons pig iron.
Bull, Grangemouth, 650 tons pig iron.
James Hogg, Newport (Mon.) 555 tons pig iron.
Runswick, Newhaven (Sussex), 360 tons cast iron railway chairs.
Forth, Llanelly, 460 tons pig iron, 145 tinplate bars.
Tay, Dundee, 120 tons cast iron railway chairs.
Achilles, Troon, 500 tons chrome ore.
Memento, Arendal, 150 tons pig iron, 320 tons manufactured iron.
Rapid, Esbjerg, 100 tons coke.

MIDDLESBROUGH IRON SHIPMENTS.

Date.	Pig Iron.	M'f'd I. & S.	Total Tons.	Date.	Pig Iron.	M'f'd I. & S.	Total Tons.
Jan.	43,996	23,771	67,767	Feb. 4	1,090	3,015	4,105
				„ 5	2,270	2,107	4,377
Feb. 2	4,360	—	4,360	„ 6	4,033	1,139	5,172
„ 3	5,265	186	5,451	„ 7	4,030	1,840	5,870

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE.

Sugar firm; No. 1 crystals, 18/6; No. 2, 17/6; No. 3, 17/3. Lard quiet, 30/3. Bacon quiet, 27/6. Petroleum steady; American, 5½d. Turpentine easy, 23/6. Resin firm, common 4/7½. Cotton seed firm, 20/-. Linseed quiet, 23/3. Rape steady, 34/-. Tallow steady; Norths, 25/6; Souths, 28/6, beef. Palm steady; Lagos, £24 5/-. Hemp steady; 39/10 spot. Nitrate quiet, 7/10½. Castor oil steady, 3 1-16d.

This Day's Markets.

CARLISLE CORN.—Small supply of oats, and sharp market at full prices, namely, 6/9 to 7/6 per three imperial bushels. Wheat market dull.

DONCASTER CORN.—Wheat in poor condition, and trade steady at last week's prices. Barley no lower, especially for the best lots. Oats firm for fine qualities; common lots easier. Spring corn in fairly good demand, and maize firm.

NEWCASTLE CORN.—The wheat trade to-day was firm at last week's prices. Oats an increased supply, and full prices realised. Maize firm at 3d advance. Beans and peas unchanged. Flour in moderate demand at Tuesday's rates.

GLASGOW SUGAR.—Good demand without change in prices. Official report:—"Better tone. Good business done at fully yesterday's prices. For the week, the advance is 6d all round."

CORK BUTTER.—Ordinary: Seconds, 115/-; thirds, 105/-; fourths, 91/-. Mild-cured firkins: Mild, 110/-. Number in market—56 firkins, 1 keg, 13 mild.

WHITBY PROVISIONS.—Fresh butter, 1/3 to 1/4 per lb.; fresh eggs, 8 for 1/-; chickens, 4/6 to 5/6 per couple; ducks, 3/- to 4/-; ducklings, 2/6; geese, 6/6 to 8/-; turkeys, 9/- to 10/6 each; pigeons, 1/1 to 1/2 per couple; pheasants, 6/- to 6/6; partridges, 3/6 per brace; hares, 3/6 to 4/-; leverets 3/- each; Yorkshire bacon, 8d to 9d per lb.; Yorkshire hams, 9d per lb.; Yorkshire prime old, 9d to 10d per lb.; beef, 7d to 8d per lb.; beef steaks, 8d to 9d per lb.; mutton, 8d to 9d per lb.; lamb, 9d per lb.; pork, 7d to 8d per lb.

GRIMSBY FISH.—The supply has been moderately good, there being about thirty vessels having come in with catches of good quality. There was a brisk demand. Plaice, 20/- to 25/-; level, 17/-; lemon, 45/- to 50/-; soles, 80/- to 100/-; haddocks, 6/- to 9/- per box; turbot, 8/- to 10/-; brills, 3/- to 5/-; ling, 4/- to 5/-; dead, 3/- to 4/-; cod, 4/- to 6/-; skate, 2/- to 3/-; deal, 1/6 to 2/- each; hake, 50/- to 60/-; dead cod, 60/- to 80/- per score; halibut, 6/- to 8/- per stone.

KEEP THE DOCTOR OFF.—Buy R. A. Watson's Lambs' Wool Drawers, Vests, and Cardigan Jackets cheapest and best. Stockton or South Bank.—ADVT.

WEDDING PRESENTS.—Collingwood and Son are now showing a very large and choice selection of articles for the purpose, of best manufacture.—ADVT.

All who appreciate a really good cup of Cocoa should try Messrs Fry and Son's Pure Concentrated Soluble Cocoa. Sir Chas. Cameron, M.D., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, says:—"I have never tasted Cocoa I like so well. . . . There are few who would not like this preparation." Ask for FRY'S Pure Concentrated Cocoa.—ADVT.

The inhabitants of Stockton and district will save money by making an early inspection of E Cowley's select assortment of Watches and Jewellery 131, High-street, Stockton.—ADVT.

LIVER COMPLAINTS.—Dr. King's Dandelion and Quinine Liver Pills, without Mercury, are a potent remedy; remove all Liver and Stomach Complaints, Biliousness, Headache, Sickness, Shoulder Pains, Heartburn, Indigestion, Constipation.—ADVT.

Shipping, &c.

SHIPPING CASUALTIES.

(Lloyd's Telegrams.)

A Spanish steamer, supposed to be the Mar... from New Orleans for Liverpool, is ashore at the entrance of Chesapeake Bay.

The British ship Thoralicbank took fire in port at Freemantle, West Australia, and is still burning. Will probably become a total loss. Part of inward cargo on board.

The British steamer Peace, at Odessa, with grain for England, has her foretank full of water, notwithstanding that the pumps are working; a survey will be held.

The British steamer Kingswear, stranded near Townsville, Queensland, floated leaking, and put into Townsville. Must discharge and dock for repairs.

The steamer Montrose, reported yesterday near Copenhagen, floated.

The steamer Mongolian, which stranded in Wemyss Bay yesterday, floated and proceeded to Glasgow.

The French steamer Nantes, Bordeaux, and the British steamer Rennie collided at Bordeaux: the former vessel sank; damage to the latter, if any, unknown.

The steamer Ystroom, from London for Amsterdam, grounded at the outerpost, Ymuiden, but floated unassisted and undamaged.

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

ARRIVALS, February 5.—Glasgow s, Stout, Dieppe, b; Agder s, Johnsen, ——, ——; Arrow, Tulip, Tyne, b; Hero s, Wood, Grangemouth, b; Ouse H. No. 1 s, Walker, Goole, b; R. and M. s, Rea, Wisbeach, wheat; Cyrus, Jary, Newcastle, b; Glenmore s, Horne, Hartlepool, b; (6) Viceroy s, Potter, Bilbao, via Portland, i o; Charlotte s, Jaak, Amsterdam, light; Achilles s, Peebles, Terneuzen, b; Balbus s, Leask, Porman, i o; Hawthorn s, Scott, Leith, b; Astrologer s, Muller, Leith, part cargo; Hebe, Bloomfield, Newcastle, ore; Oak, Walsh, Newcastle, ore; Runswick s, Verril, Hartlepool, b; Jubilant s, Goodwin, Stockton, part cargo; Jessie, Wilson, London, old rails; Remembrance, Child, London, loam; (7) James Hogg s, Stephenson, Sheerness, b; Bull s, Bilton, Grangemouth, b; Alethea s, Crane, Bilbao, ore; Eden s, Levitt, Bilbao, ore; Tay s, Wilson, Dundee, b; Gwendoline s, Phillip, Bremerhaven, b; Santorin s, Pick, Bilbao, iron ore; Dania s, Tait, Tyne, b.

SAILINGS, January 5.—Ouse Hopper No. 3 s, Schofield, Goole, slag; The Saint, Owens, Falmouth, i; (6) Aloedene s, Jones, Buenos Ayres; Glasgow s, Stout, Caen; G.M.B. s, Smith, Grangemouth; Aloedene s, Jones, Buenos Ayres—all i; Ouse Hopper No. 3 s, Schofield, Goole; Ouse Hopper No. 1 s, Walker, Goole—both slag; North Tyne s, Brown, Shields, b; Ethel s, Horton, Lowestoft, iron; Glenmore s, Horne, St. Malo, iron; Sundsvall s, Diemer, Rostock, iron; Cairndhu s, Gibson, Tyne, b; Dolly Varden, Greenwood, Tyne, b; J. M. Lennard s, Clark, Lisbon, iron; Jubilant s, Goodwin, Dundee, iron; Agder s, Johnsen, Christiania, iron; Amity s, Hazelton, Tyne, b; Charlotte s, Tack, Dantzic, iron.

HARTLEPOOL.

ARRIVAL, February 6.—Five Brothers, Payne, Seaham, c.

SAILINGS, February 6.—Success, Hunter, Whitby; Charles, Warner, Yarmouth; Hannah, Nobbs, Yarmouth; Sussex Maid, Balcomb, Newhaven; Oswy, Stevenson, Gravesend—all c.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

ARRIVALS, February 6.—Good Hope, Barnby, Scarborough, light; Kattingham s, Henderson, Mararson, iron ore; Fair Maid, Lilford, Yarmouth, ——.

SAILINGS, February 6.—Elizabeth, Johannesen, Blyth, light; Ellen H., Storry, Lowestoft, c; Runswick s, Verril, Middlesbrough, light; Lord Alfred Paget s, Whitehead, London, c.

"GAZETTE" SPECIAL REPORTS.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Milo arrived at Huelva 6th.
Lilian arrived at Cannes from the Tyne 7th.
Lizzie Cory left Aarhuus for Libau 7th.
Hathersage left the Tyne for Venice 7th.
Allie arrived in the Tyne from London 6th.
Cathay arrived at Odessa 6th.
Luneburg left Bilbao for Stockton 6th.
Clematis arrived at Cardiff from Bilbao 3rd.
Paola left Philippville for Dunkirk 5th.
Bedlington in the Tyne.
Petunia left Venice for Odessa 5th.
Charles Steels on passage to Valparaiso from Liverpool.
Pocklington left Antwerp for Tyne Dock 6th.
Sylvia left Antwerp for Cardiff 5th.

GOOD LUCK.—Buy your Wedding Ring from Poole, Middlesbrough, and ensure an elegant present to every purchaser.—ADVT.

The Editor of the *Medical Annual*, after a careful examination of CADBURY'S COCOA, pronounces it to be both a food and a beverage of the highest quality.—ADVT.

LINUM CATHARTICUM PILLS, agreeably aperient, 9½d, 13½d, 2s 9d. Of all Chemists.—ADVT.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

DEATHS.

BULMAN.—In loving and affectionate remembrance of James, the dearly beloved son of William Bulman, of Redcar, who died after being invalided home from Callao, South America, at the age of 19 years. "Gone, but still to memory dear."

CUTHBERT.—On the 7th inst., Jane, the beloved wife of William Cuthbert, aged 57 years. Will be interred on Tuesday, the 10th, at the Old Cemetery, cortege leaving No. 9, Richmond-street, at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation. No cards.

DUNN.—On the 6th inst., at 23, Redcar-road, South Bank, Rachel, beloved wife of John Dunn, aged 65. Interment on Monday, 9th, at 3 o'clock. 7

HANSELL.—On the 5th inst., at 25, Clarence-street, Haverton Hill, Mary Ann, beloved daughter of Mary and the late James Hansell, of Staithes, aged 20. Interment on Sunday at Haverton Hill at 2.30. Friends please accept this intimation. 7

MURRAY.—On the 6th inst., at 57, Dundas-street, Middlesbrough, Margaret Murray, the wife of Robert Murray, tobacconist, aged 66. Funeral on Monday at 2.15. 7

PARKIN.—February 3, at 5, Langley-street, Stockton, Alice Maud (Allie), daughter of Margaret and George Parkin, aged 12. Interment on Sunday, 2 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation. 7

RICHARDS.—On the 5th inst., at 55, Redcar-road, South Bank, Lewis, beloved husband of Margaret Richards, aged 47. Interment on Monday at Eston at 2.30. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation. 7

SHIELD.—On the 4th inst., at 10, Binks-street, New Linthorpe, Jonathan Proud Shield, beloved husband of Emma Shield, aged 31. To be interred on Sunday, February 8th, at 2.30. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation. 7

All Members of the Manchester Unity Order of Oddfellows are invited to attend the funeral of Brother Jonathan Shields, P.G. of the "R. H. Bulman" Lodge. Kindly meet at 10, Binks-street, Linthorpe, on Sunday, at 2.15 p.m. 7

STEPHENSON.—On the 5th inst., at 9, West End-terrace, Stockton-on-Tees, Samuel Tuke Stephenson, in his 64th year. To be interred on Monday, cortege leaving his residence at 12 o'clock. Service in Holy Trinity Church. No cards. 7

WEBSTER.—February 6th, at Yearby, Redcar, John Webster, aged 57 years. Interment Monday, February 9th, at Kirkleatham, 2.30 p.m. 7

WILKINSON.—On the 6th inst., at Bevan-terrace, Norton-road, Stockton, William Anthony, son of William and Eleanor Wilkinson, aged 30 years. Interment at Norton on Monday, at 3 p.m.

[Births, Marriages, and Deaths, when prepaid, are charged 1s 6d each insertion if not exceeding 16 words, and 6d for every additional 10 words.]

FRESH Cut Flowers, Wreaths, Crosses, Dress and Ball Bouquets on the Shortest Notice. W... Florist, Stockton and Middlesbro'. Telephone No. 4...

GENERAL Servant Wanted; character required. 99, Newport-road, Middlesbrough.

GENERAL Servant Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Andrew Brown, 25, The Square, Stockton. 10

GIRL Wanted, about 16 or 17. Apply Dodsbn, Blacksmith, Norton. 10

LADY Canvasser Wanted, to take orders for Jones Sewing Machines; wages and commission. Apply Jones Sewing Machine Company (Limited), 37, Newport-road, Middlesbrough.

SALESMEN.—Wanted, 2 good Men to take orders for Jones Sewing Machines; wages and commission. Apply Jones Sewing Machine Company (Limited), 37, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 10

TO Printers.—For Sale, cheap, an Imperial Cutting Machine, in good order. May be seen at the "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

YOUTH (respectable) Wanted for cash desk. Apply at Newman's, Church row, Stockton. 7

YOUTH (strong) Wanted for Blacksmith Shop and attend engine. Bellas, Cart and Rolley, Builder, Yarm-lane, Stockton.

ARCHIBALD Ramsden's Pianos may be seen at the Agent's, Church-row, Stockton. Quarterly or monthly instalments received.

COUP Cart and Light Rolley, new; 4cwt. Patent Weigh, second-hand, cheap. Bellas, Yarm-lane, Stockton-on-Tees.

HOUSE and Blacksmith Shop For Sale, bellows, vice, anvil, and gas; price £160. ...-street, Stockton. Apply 33, Brunswick-street.

HOUSE and Shop, with off-beer license. To let with immediate possession. 36, Hunter-street, Middlesbrough.

IF the Gentleman who in mistake took a Malacca Cane from the Borough Hall after the Stopner Banquet on the 5th will return it to the Hall-keeper he will receive his own.

LAUNDRY Receiving Office, Church-row, Stockton; last despatch for the week, Tuesday nights.

REWARD.—Lost, between St. Paul's-road and Albert-road, on Monday night, a pair of Folding Eye Glasses. 44, Albert-road.

ZION LOVE MEMORIAL CHURCH, MIDDLESBROUGH.—Preacher for To-morrow, REV. G. COATES: 10.30, "The Harmony of the Two Wills." 6.30, "The Stone of Stumbling." A hearty welcome to all.

TURKISH BATHS on Sunday Mornings—1s each. They keep one in health. Grange-road, Middlesbrough.

THORNABY SHROVE TUESDAY TEA and ENTERTAINMENT, February 10th, in aid of the Church Day Schools, South Stockton. Tea from five o'clock in Alderson's Market Hall. Entertainment, 7.30, in Gaiety Music Hall (kindly lent by the Salvation Army). Tickets, for Tea and Entertainment, 1s, of Mr Mackenzie, Bookseller. 10

THE HARTLEPOOLS "POPULAR" BUILDING SOCIETY.
GREAT SUCCESS. Over £25,000 worth of Shares issued in a few weeks. Over £5,000 worth this week a'one.
The FIRST BALLOT was held Thursday, Feb. 5th, and was won by
MR GEORGE CARLYLE STEEL,
Owton Manor,
Greatham, R.S.O. Share No. 124
The next will be held in a few weeks. Do not delay and participate.
Full information on application to the Secretary,
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H. KENT has a large quantity of fresh Rabbits, Hares, and Geese. Rabbits, from 9d to 1/3 each; Hares, from 1/9 to 3/6; Geese, 7d per lb. Come early to Kent's Stall, in Middlesbrough Market, to-night.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT on SHROVE TUESDAY, February 10th, in the NEW TOWN HALL; tea on the tables from 5 to 6.30 p.m., to be followed by a GRAND ENTERTAINMENT, consisting of TABLEAUX VIVANTS AND CONCERT, in which the following ladies and gentlemen will take part:—Mrs W. Hawdon, the Misses Hanson, E. Hanson, G. Herbert, Evelyn Lewis, R. Stevenson, F. Stevenson, W. Stevenson, the Messrs O. H. Cochrane, C. Cross, ... Hanson, G. O. Herbert, G. Liddle, E. S. Leith, G. Terry, W. P. Ward, H. Wood. Several of the Children of St. John's Schools will appear in two of the Tableaux.
VOCALISTS:
MRS WHATFORD, MR E. WIDDICOMBE,
MR H. GOOSE. Solo Violin, MR A. WILSON.
The Tableaux arranged by MR WHATFORD.
THE BAND OF MR H. JOHNSON LAIRD
Has been engaged for the evening.
Entertainment to commence at 8 p.m. Doors of hall open at 7 p.m.
Tickets for Tea and Unreserved Seat at Entertainment, 1s each, which can be had at the Vicarage or from the District Visitors. Tickets for Reserved Seats at Entertainment, 2s each, which can only be had at the Vicarage.
Proceeds for parochial purposes.
Carriages may be ordered for 9.45 p.m.

CHIPS.

The total sheep stock of Great Britain—27,272,000—is now greater than in any year since 1879.

We are none of us fully aware of our happiness while it is with us, and youth is as unconscious of it as the flower of its blossom. It is age alone which admires—and regrets.

A Belgian shipping paper states that a steamer bound for the West Coast of Africa had on board 14 missionaries, 460 tons of gunpowder, 11 cases of gin, and 10,000 casks of rum.

The latest New York dinner favour is worth noting, if only to show how far the craze for new things will carry people. It is a little slipper in white satin, with a jewelled buckle, for each lady guest. Each gentleman receives a miniature jack-boot in black satin, with a gold spur.

According to a return which has recently been prepared by Mr Algernon Turner, financial secretary to the Post Office, the people of London are the most thrifty in the way of saving. Lancashire comes next, and generally speaking the largest contributors to the bank are the large towns. The United Kingdom has close upon £63,000,000 standing to its credit in open accounts. Of the sum total, England has contributed £55,898,000, Wales £2,000,000, Scotland £1,387,000, and Ireland £3,475,000. "Islands in the British seas"—the Channel Isles and the Isle of Man—have £156,000 to themselves.

A shocking crime is reported by the master of Homerton Workhouse. One of the male inmates of that refuge of the unfortunate has been detected in the act of "speaking to a female inmate." What was the nature of his communication does not appear. It may have partaken of the nature of a tender declaration; or possibly it was a mere casual observation on the recent happy change in the weather. All that we know for certain is that the master "punished the man" by placing him in the "classification ward," and that the offender has since "taken his departure." In the eyes of the Clerk to the Board the latter fact appears to go far towards justifying the master's action. As he observed, it has "at all events had the effect of inducing the man to leave the workhouse."

At a recent Sunday School service the superintendent was illustrating the necessity of joining the Church, and in order to make it apparent to his listeners he said: "For instance, I want to introduce water into my house. I turn it on. The pipes and faucets and every convenience are in good order, but I get no water. Can any of you tell me why I do not get any water?" He expected the answer to be that he had not made connection with the main in the street, but the boys looked perplexed. They could not see why the water should refuse to run into his premises after such faultless plumbing. "Can anyone tell me what I have neglected?" reiterated the speaker, looking over the flock of faces, bowed down by the weight of the problem. "I know," squeaked a six-year-old. "You don't pay your water rent."

Alfred Izod is only a humble fish-porter at Billingsgate, and yet his name deserves honourable mention as one willing to risk his life for another, who was not even his friend, except in the sense that all the items of humanity ought to be bound together in friendly bonds. A man looking for work fell between the landing-stage and a vessel moored in the river. The morning was dark, and the unfortunate individual lay in constant danger of death between the iron side of the ship and the beams of the floating quay. Izod jumped into the water, and at great risk to himself seized the drowning man and succeeded in rescuing him. Two salesmen in the market who had witnessed the action presented him with a sovereign each. At the time he performed this heroic deed Izod had in his pocket a subscription list for another fish-porter, who, after four months' illness in Guy's Hospital, had seen his wife die, and was now left, still unable to work, with four children dependent upon him. Izod at once placed the two sovereigns bestowed upon him to the credit of his suffering colleague.

What has been termed a scandal in a convent is reported as having taken place recently in Nines. A lady, accompanied by a young man, went to the house of the Dames de l'Assumption in that town, and asked to see a Mdlle. Rouvière, who was a novice in the establishment, having entered it of her own free will and choice. The Lady-Superior immediately directed the novice to go and speak with her friends, but hardly had Mdlle. Rouvière appeared in the parlour than the young man, who was her own brother, rushed at her, brandishing a revolver in his right hand. He tore off some of his sister's religious habiliments, flung them furiously on the ground, and putting his left arm around her waist, literally bundled her screaming and struggling out of the convent to the bewilderment and terror of the Lady-Superior and her nuns. The brother had, it appears, acted under the orders of his father, who had set his face sternly against the desire of his daughter to take the veil. Mdlle. Rouvière is twenty-six years old, and practically had run away from home in order to become a nun.

"As there are many who think cryptograms are practically secret," writes "X.," "I send the following from the *Daily News* of January 31st, which, for the fun of the thing, was deciphered in a few hours by a novice:—'ZY FIOOIU KUPIF! Typun isxfmczij zyobcza. Cn zyo typu fygi nouza izypah oy jmui nygiobcza hyu gi? Typ qyrij oy li gt hmcobhpf rchi, oy fimqi bygi ch c rcnbij; tio typ rcff zyo iucoi yu nii typu bpnlmzj. Jy typ nxpuz gi? Rbmo kyzniwpizkin rcff iznpi? C mg zyo mhumcj igiz ch obit czir mff myj typ ziij zyo. Typ mui cajixizjizo. Ri rcff afmjft nikicqi myj nbcifj typ. C nomt, pzfinn typ ay mfny. Xuyqi typu fyqi lt giiocza gi mo ifcbmg! Nmt rbiz. Typu luyeiz bimuoij huij.' 'No letter, cruel, yours explains nothing. Is not your love strong enough to dare something for me? You vowed to be my faithful wife, to leave home if I wished, yet you will not write or see your husband. Do you spurn me? What consequences will ensue. I am not afraid even if they know all, and you need not. We will gladly receive and shield you. I stay unless you go. Also prove your love by meeting me at Eltham—say when. Your broken-hearted Fred.'"

The story of Sabinus's Cambridgeshire, won by Fordham after one of the most magnificent exhibitions of horsemanship ever seen, is well told by Sir George Chetwynd in his "Racing Reminiscences":—Allbrook, who was greatly fancied by his friends, served by his light weight, made the running to such good purpose that he was leading a good four lengths at the Red Post, when it appeared impossible for Sterling, who was lying second, to catch him, and out of the question for Sabinus, who was at the head of the remainder on the sheep-track near the rails, with Fordham sitting crouched like a monkey on the horse's neck. "My horse wins! Allbrook wins!" excitedly screamed out Lord Alington, galloping madly along the rails by the side of the leader. "I stand to win £20,000 on that horse, and I wouldn't take £19,990 for it." Alas! hope told a flattering tale. Another few strides began to tell; Allbrook rapidly compounded, and fell back to Sterling, on whom Chaloner was hard at work, but who was running gamely on. Hardly were the words "Sterling wins!" out of the mouths of his backers when a yell went up from the ring as Fordham, who had scarcely been noticed, got up to the other two, who were locked together, and, after as exciting a struggle as ever was seen, won by a short head on the post, Sterling and Allbrook finishing a dead heat.

The Queen Regent of Spain has just demanded from the Pope the See of a Bishop for a poor priest, son of an Austrian shepherd. The story goes that the Queen (then Archduchess) was one day taking a walk with her governess when she was about five years old, when a violent storm of rain came on, and they were glad to take shelter in a shepherd's hut which was near at hand. A child about the same age was amusing himself in a corner of the room. All at once the boy drew near to the little Archduchess and gave her a good thump on the back. This so offended and hurt Maria Christina that she burst forth in a violent fit of tears, and was with difficulty pacified. At the time when Her Royal Highness made her first communion she wished to pay for the dresses to be worn by the poor communicants, among whom was the son of the shepherd, the boy who had once hit her. She remembered him again, and hearing that he wished to be a priest she undertook to defray all the expenses of his education. Afterwards, when the Archduchess became Queen of Spain, she did not forget the poor priest, and when her husband, Alphonse XII., was ill she wrote to him:—"You certainly must be made a Bishop one day or other, for you know how to 'cressmare' (that is, the laying on of hands, or confirming) so well." This fortunate priest is named Angeroff, and when King Alphonse lay on his death-bed he was sent by the Queen to take a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to implore at the holy shrine for the restoration to health of the king.

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

It is not safe to buy even matches now; they might strike.

Customer: **"No, thanks. I don't care for apples; I wanted a pear."** Fruiterer: **"Well, buy two, then you'd be all right."**

"Why, sir, you have not pulled out the bad tooth." "Oh, signora, how is it possible to extract anything bad from so lovely a mouth?"

A Cockney who was much absorbed in a cricket match at the Oval was heard to say that he liked to see the ball hit "bloomin' 'igh, bloomin' 'ard, and bloomin' often."

Chicagoan: "This is my home. Beautiful, isn't it? Built with the products of my pen." Visitor: "Then you are a writer?" Chicagoan: "No, indeed, I am a pork merchant."

Smithers: "I saw a man to-day who advertises to make you a pair of shoes while you wait." O'Brannigan: "Sure that's nothin'. I can show yez many a resthaurant where they'll cook yer a whole dinner before you ate at all."

Tommy's mother had a hard time teaching him to remember always to say, "If you please," at the table. His memory is lamentably bad. The other day this dialogue took place at the table—"Mamma, hand me the butter." "If what, Tommy?" "If you can reach it."

"Begob, but I've got the best of that murtherin' railroad this time, anyhow," said a Hibernian who had a grudge against the company in question. "How is that, Dennis?" asked a bystander. "I've bought a return ticket, and I'm not coming back at all at all," was the triumphant reply.

Louisa: "What very delicious grapes these are, dear. How I do enjoy them!" Julia: "Yes, they are nice. You know there were some big sales of Egyptian mummified cats in Liverpool back in the spring, and pa bought half a ton and had them used under the grapes and tomatoes." Tableau.

Why She was Indignant.—Alice: "It seems to me that you treat Harry very coldly lately. What has he done?" Louise: "He asked me for a kiss." Alice: "Well, what of that?" Louise: "What of that? The man that won't take a kiss without asking for it is a snob."

Extracts from Jos. Tee's musical catalogue:—"Trust her not"—for four shillings. "I would not live always"—without accompaniment. "See the conquering hero comes"—with full orchestra. "Come where my love lies dreaming"—with illuminated cover. "There was a little fisher-maiden"—in three parts. "The trumpet shall sound"—with variations.

A burglar got fast in the window of a house occupied by Mr John Roach, of Paterson. John is a moralist, and he dressed himself and sat down in a chair and talked to that burglar for two long hours without a break. Then the burglar asked to be either knocked on the head or let go, and Mr Roach talked to him one hour longer and then suffered him to depart.

AN ILLUSTRATION.

"Dennis, I hear that you have been drinking again; if you can't do better I shall have to let you go." "Sure, sir, it was against me will that I got off this time, sir." "Nonsense! no man can do things against his will." Dennis (grasping at a straw): "Faith, I had a brother who wint to prison against his will."

TALENT A BLESSING.

Fond Mother: "My boy is overflowing with talent. He writes either prose or poetry with the greatest ease, and he is also an artist. His pictures are beautiful, and so full of thought and sentiment they would be sure to attract attention everywhere." Business Man: "You have my warmest congratulations, my dear madame. Your boy can easily make fame and fortune." Fond Mother: "As a writer or an artist?" Business Man: "As a soap manufacturer."

NOT AGAINST THE LAW.

A day or two ago a coloured woman appeared at police headquarters, and made enquiries of the day sergeant if there was any law about naming children. "Never heard of any," he replied. "Kin you give a baby any name you want to?" "I think you can." "Any Bible name?" "Yes." "Well, my daughter is got a boy-baby, an' some of de nayburs said dere was a law agin Bible names. Dey is passing so many laws, you know, dat I reckoned it might be so. So it's all right, is it?" "It is." "Den it's settled, an' de name of dat child is Moses Abraham John Abel Solomon Baker from dis time on till he dies."

THE MASKED BALL.

Nicholas I. was very fond of masquerade balls, and one night appeared at one in the character of the devil, with grinning face, horns, and tail, and appeared to enjoy the character very much. About three o'clock in the morning he went out, and, throwing over him some furs, called a coachman, and ordered him to take him to Quai Anglais. As it was very cold he fell asleep, and when he awoke he found the man had taken him in a wrong direction, for the Quai Anglais is one the most elegant portions of St. Petersburg, while before him were only some miserable houses. Nicholas began to remonstrate, but the coachman paid no heed to him, and presently, passing through a stone gateway, brought him into a cemetery, and, taking a large knife from his girdle and pointing it at his employer's throat, said, "Give me your money and your furs or I will kill you." "And do you give me your soul!" exclaimed Nicholas, as he threw off the furs and disclosed his personification of the devil. The Russians are very superstitious, and the coachman was so terrified he fell senseless on the ground, and the Emperor drove himself back to his palace.

THE COBLEIGHS AND THE CAT.

Mr Cobleigh was preparing to go away on the early train, Monday morning. Being of a nervous temperament, and somewhat crowded for time, shirt buttons hugged close to the cloth, and button-holes appeared to be turned upside down. Just as he grasped his carpet bag and was about to start, a strange cat made a dash in through the door, which Mrs Cobleigh opened to see if the weather looked sufficiently threatening to make an umbrella necessary. The entrance of the cat was a great shock to both Mr and Mrs Cobleigh, as both despised cats. Mrs Cobleigh screamed, "scat," but the animal misunderstood her, and instead of climbing over her and running outdoors, it started into the sitting-room. Mrs Cobleigh put after it at once. The cat dodged under the lounge, and Mr Cobleigh had to shove the lounge round before he could dislodge it. Out from there it put for the front bedroom, the door to which was conveniently open. Mr Cobleigh hastened after. All this time he retained his hold on the carpet bag, and the spectacle must have been an inspiring one even to so common-place a woman as Mrs Cobleigh, had not that lady been too excited to notice it. She had instinctively secured a broom, and had discreetly closed the outside door, and was now prepared to contribute materially to the exodus of the cat. At the same time Mr Cobleigh, with the carpet bag well in hand, was following the cat among the diversities of the front bedroom furniture. And the carpet bag proved a valuable aid. When the animal went under the bed Mr Cobleigh got down on his knees and shook the bag at her, and she departed for a chair. And then Mr Cobleigh would throw the bag at the chair, and the cat would fly under the bed again, leaving Mr Cobleigh to pick up the bag himself, which he did. Then Mrs Cobleigh got in with the broom, and both bag and broom were so effectual that the cat was only too glad to take refuge in the dining-room, and would have bolted out of doors with a heart full of gratitude, without doubt, had there been any means, but seeing none it departed into the kitchen. The remark that Mr Cobleigh made on seeing that the door was closed we will not record. It was intended particularly for Mrs Cobleigh's edification, and would lose its bloom if given to the public. The celerity with which she got the door open was most commendable. But the cat was under the kitchen stove, and Mr Cobleigh dashed in there, the trusty bag still in his hand, and his whole appearance denoting that he was about to take a journey. The stove was much lower than the bed, and in getting down so that he could see under it, and present the bag to the attention of the cat, two suspender buttons on his best pants gave way, and Mr Cobleigh was forced to stand ignominiously by and hold up the garment, while Mrs Cobleigh started the cat with the broom. The repressed wrath of this performance found expression in the appearance of the cat and its flight to the dining-room, and the exasperated man, darting in there in time to see the animal going through the door, impulsively shied the carpet-bag after her. The bag missed the cat, but struck the floor of the stoop with such force that, striking on one corner, it split apart, and Mr Cobleigh was electrified beyond measure to see its contents shoot out into the street. He then gave up all hopes of catching the train.

NEW STORY BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

THE GATES OF EDEN.

By ANNIE S. SWAN, Author of "Aldersyde," "St. Veda's," "Across Her Path," &c., &c.

SYNOPSIS OF OPENING CHAPTERS.

The first chapter introduces the family of the Bethunes of Auchtermairnie. Old John Bethune had two sons and a daughter. The elder son, Peter, was an ill-conditioned, blustering fellow, whose bullying and greedy nature had driven his younger and gentler brother John to leave the farm and establish himself in the neighbouring village of Star. Peter then exercised his loutish tyranny on his father, whom he kept labouring in the fields like any other labourer. Susan, the sister, was an honest but rigid and unamiable woman, who had completely dissevered her self from her brother John since he had married Katie Law, whom she chose to regard as beneath the dignity of the Bethunes. Katie is now on her deathbed, and in his great sorrow John Bethune sends for his sister, who, in an ungracious mood, journeys to Star, only to find that the object of her enmity had gone the way of all flesh. When Susan found that Katie had left two twin babes behind her her hard heart was melted, and she sought to comfort her brother in his great bereavement. She stayed with her brother and reared the two boys, who were named Alexander and James. Meanwhile Peter, who had arranged to marry Margaret Thompson for her money, had got possession of his father's property, and was now quickly driving the old man to his grave.

CHAPTER IV.

TWO SONS.

Before the twins were six months old, Peter Bethune's wife entered upon her reign at Auchtermairnie. She was a widow, with a married daughter, and three grown-up sons, who, however, were all in the way of doing for themselves. She was a managing, clever woman, and for the first time in his life Peter Bethune tasted the luxury of being thwarted and set aside. His wife had been accustomed to rule all her days, and it was not easy for her to obey now. Both being obstinate, they speedily disagreed; and it appeared as if Susan's prediction was likely to be fulfilled.

She was as avaricious as her husband, but she had finer feelings, and a higher sense of right and wrong. Therefore she upheld John in his desire to have the property equally divided, and she also shielded the old man from Peter's petty tyranny; and, indeed, tried to do her duty at Auchtermairnie. But there never could be happiness there, for there was neither grace nor love to sweeten life's daily toil. But there was love and peace in the little cottage at the Star, and Katie's bairns grew apace, until they left their childhood behind.

It was the third week in September, and the folk round about the Star were all finishing an early and abundant harvest. The days were shortening fast; the mistress had to take a lantern to the milking at nights, and the early mornings were beginning to be very cold and grey. But it was a busy, happy, cheerful time, and when it was well over folk were ready to prepare themselves for the lighter labours and more abundant leisure of the winter.

The harvest moon was at its full on the night when David Campbell was building the last stack in the barn-yard; it was his custom, and had been his father's before him, to build the first and the last stack every year. The mistress paused for a moment when she left the byre to watch the stir in the yard, and then hurried down to the house with her pails, to find the usual little knot of customers clustered at the door discussing the homely gossip of the day.

"You're all there that's worth anything, I see," she said, in a cheery way. "I'm late to-night, for both Mary and I've been out the best part of the day. The busy time will soon be over, and then we'll get a breath."

"Your busy time's seldom past, Mistress Campball," said Kirsty Paterson with a grin, just as if she grudged the mistress her busy, happy life.

"Ah, well, Kirsty, if it never goes by we must just fight on till we lie down," she said, as she measured out the milk with swift, unerring hand.

Kirsty took her milk and retired, but stood on the doorstep a minute to hear a neighbour make some remark about some strangers who had come to Carriston by the afternoon train. Mrs Campbell was civil and attentive to them, but she did not encourage them to stand, for her hands were so full of work she hardly knew where to turn. When she went to the kitchen she started to see a figure sitting on her husband's chair, apparently deep in thought.

"Oh, it's you, Jamie Bethune!" she said, pleasantly. "Is your auntie better?"

"Yes, she's better," answered the lad briefly.

"Your father and Sandy are back from St. Andrews. Mary saw them go down the road in the dusk," she said, as she proceeded to light the lamp. "Is anything settled?"

"Yes, it's all settled," answered the lad in the same still, quiet way. "Sandy goes away to the college on Monday week."

"Well, I wish him well," said the mistress; and for a little there was no more said. Although she was silent, she was keenly watching the lad as she went busily about preparing supper for the men; and she saw well enough that there was something amiss. Jamie Bethune, the younger of poor Katie Law's twins, had grown to be a tall, slender stripling, of build and appearance more resembling a city boy than one reared in the Star. He stood already five feet nine in his stockings, but his figure was loose and unformed; his pale face, with its large, irregular features, very thin and haggard. It was not a handsome, scarcely a good-looking face, but it was redeemed from plainness by the earnest, speaking dark eyes, which shone like stars under a broad open brow, indicative of ability and thought. Jamie Bethune was not of much account in the Star, being spoken of mostly as Sandy's brother. It was Sandy—bright, clever, rattling Sandy—who won everybody's heart, and made his mark wherever he went. Few loved the shy, awkward younger brother, because he was really known to very few.

"What's your trouble, Jamie, my man?" said Jean Campbell, kindly; for, in spite of all, Jamie was her favourite, because he reminded her of the poor young mother she had loved so well.

"Nothing. I was only thinking; that's all," answered the lad, with a heavy sigh, which escaped him against his will or inclination.

"Ay," was the mistress's reply, but that dry monosyllable implied a great deal. "Tell your father, Jamie, that we'll be at his barley in the morning. The last sheaf will be off Edom's land by this time, I expect. You've a good crop, the master tells me?"

"Ay, it's not bad," said Jamie, rousing himself with an effort. "They've grand stuff on Auchtermairnie this year, Mrs Campbell. Uncle Peter was telling us on Sabbath that he has some oats very near six feet high."

"That'll please your uncle Peter, boy," said the mistress, with a laugh; "he likes extraordinary things. Oh, here's Mary. Mysie's surely taken a deal of milking to-night, lass."

The young girl, who at that moment entered the kitchen, turned her back to hide the deep blush which overspread her bonnie face, but she had never a word to say. A sweet and winsome lass was Mary Campbell, the orphan daughter of David Campbell's brother, who had come to them when she was a little toddling thing, scarcely able to walk or talk. She had been in all respects like a child of their own to the childless couple at the Knowe, and the love between them was almost as strong as that between parent and child. She was only sixteen, a year younger than the Bethunes, whose companion and playmate she had been ever since she had come to the Star.

She was not only bonnie, but her bright and happy disposition made her beloved by both young and old. No harvest home or other merry-making was complete without her, and at the dancing when the fair came round she had more partners than any of her companions. But though she was such a favourite she disarmed all envy and jealousy by her own sweet gentleness, and there was not a particle of coquetry in Mary Campbell's disposition. Her aunt had brought her up to work early and late, but she was wonderfully indulgent, and did not try her strength too far.

When she had recovered herself she nodded to Jamie Bethune, and taking off the apron tied above her print dress, she smoothed her fair hair before the little glass. It was a bonnie rosy, healthy-hued faced reflected there, lit by a pair of deep grey eyes, capable of many varying expressions. It was curious that when in repose these eyes gave to Mary Campbell's face a somewhat sad cast, which would have surprised those who knew her only in her merrier moods.

"Can I go out a while, Auntie Jean?" she asked. "Or shall I wait to wash the dishes?"

"Where do you want to be rambling to-night, lass?" asked Auntie Jean, rather slyly. "You should wait and wash the dishes, you know well; but go away. Don't stay late, and don't go far."

Mary nodded, her face radiant, and, casting a shawl about her head and shoulders, she said good-night to Jamie, and disappeared.

"Sandy will be waiting to give her the news," said the mistress with a comical smile. "It's a pleasure to see the young people. They're too young, I tell them, to be thinking of such a thing; but I needn't speak; I was making my household linen when I was Mary's age. Ay, that's a great while since."

The mistress's keen eyes dwelt most searchingly on the lad's face as she spoke, and he smiled as if he rather enjoyed what she was saying. Evidently Mary was not connected with his despondency. In a moment, however, the pleasing brightness disappeared from his face, and it resumed its downcast and even sad expression.

"You'll miss Sandy when he goes to the town, Jamie," said the mistress kindly.

"Ay, I'll miss him," Jamie assented. "More likely, than he'll miss me."

"But it's a good thing, as I said to David, that you aren't both going together. Your father could not well spare you both, and there's plenty for you to do at home."

"Ay, there's plenty, sure enough," said Jamie, speaking with a strange bitterness. "There's not much time for anything but work down there."

Mrs Campbell lifted her head from her work, and looked with a strange swiftness into the lad's face. In a moment the whole thing was made plain to her, and she wondered at her own blindness.

"Work's good for folk, lad; it has cured many a sorrow," she said, softly. "We don't always like it, my man, and we think we could carve out a better way for ourselves, but when you've lived as long as me you'll have learned, I don't doubt, that the Lord's ways are the best—ay, the best for all in the end," she added, more to herself than to him.

"Do you think He takes as much interest in us as that, Mrs Campbell?" enquired Jamie. "There's so many things go wrong that one can hardly think it."

"It is when our vision is dim with our own troubles, mostly of our own making, too, that we begin to harbour such thoughts. It will all come right by-and-bye, if we would but have patience to wait and see," said the mistress, quietly. "Well, here they come to their supper; I hear the master speaking. Will you not stay and take a bite with them?"

"No, thank you, I've stayed too long already," said the lad, rising to his feet.

Mrs Campbell accompanied him to the door, and as he turned to go she laid her hand on his shoulder, and looked with kindly sympathy into his face. "Jamie, my man, would you like to fill a pulpit too?"

"No; I wouldn't; but I would give my right hand, Mrs Campbell, for Sandy's chance," said the lad, with a strange passion. "Not that I grudge him it, mind you, but it's an awful thing to be tied down to work you don't like."

"You mustn't give way to such thoughts, Jamie; your work's honest and honourable, and if you stick to it, you're bound to do well," said the good woman, wisely putting a curb on her own sympathies, which were all with him. "There's an old proverb, lad, that says 'Every dog has its day.' Your day will come in good time. Till then content yourself and be as happy as you can, like a man."

There was no time to answer, for just then the master and the men came round the corner, and the mistress ran in to see that everything was ready for them.

James Bethune returned the farmer's cheery good-evening, and walked away down the road with his hands in his pockets and his eyes fixed on the ground. There was the usual group of loungers gathered about the door of Andrew Aitken's shop, mostly lads of Jamie's own age, and they laughed to each other as they saw him go past. He never mixed with them, and so they disliked and made fun of him, just because they knew so little of him. Sandy, on the contrary, was a prime favourite with them all; he had a fine, open, happy-go-lucky way with him which took the edge off the patronising airs he had adopted towards the village lads since he had gone to teach in the Markinch school. The lamp was lighted in John Bethune's kitchen, and the light shone steadily through the white blind, and made a bright pathway across the garden. But somehow Jamie felt no inclination to go in; he knew very well he should find his father and aunt discussing Sandy's future, and he did not feel that interest in it which he told himself he ought to feel. So he stole quietly round the end of the cottage, and, walking to the foot of the garden, leaned up against the wall, and looked away across the moss, which lay bathed in the glory of the harvest moon. It was a night of rare beauty, and the air, without being cold, was keen and bracing and deliciously refreshing. James Bethune had inherited from his mother a passionate love for nature, and at times the moonlight loveliness of a harvest night had power to move him to the inmost soul. Not so to-night. He was wretched, and his heart was filled with thoughts for which he hated himself. It was no new thing for him to long for the advantages so freely bestowed on Sandy. It was very long since he had first envied him his book-learning, but somehow these longings had never reached such a climax before. These moments of bitter discontent, of passionate kicking against our destiny, are common to humanity; but it is a surprising thing how little sympathy one shows to another in such circumstances. In finely-strung natures these longings become a living pain, none the less keen and unendurable because it is dumb. They do not suffer least who never give their woes a voice. From his very infancy James Bethune had been set aside, and placed second to his brother. Sandy had early exhibited that precocious cleverness and smartness which in a young child is so delightful and fascinating, especially in the eyes of an indulgent and partial parent. John Bethune watched the rapid development of his boy's powers with a slow, quiet joy he could not have expressed in words. The child, destined from birth for the ministry, was likely to have a bright career before him. He was first at school; learning was no trouble to him, and he was reading in the "threepenny" before Jamie had mastered the alphabet. The younger was slower in movement, in speech, in comprehension; in fact, he was a tortoise beside his clever brother. Sandy was forward with his ability, and pushed himself into notice everywhere. When the minister made his periodical visitation, it was Sandy who went glibly through the Catechism for his benefit, while Jamie would hang shyly back, biting his finger, and refusing to utter a word. And so he was set down as stupid, and John Bethune was persuaded that ability to read, write, and count was education sufficient for him. He was removed from the village school before he was twelve, just when his mind was waking up into greater activity, while Sandy remained to attain still greater proficiency in the common subjects, and to receive the rudiments of Latin and mathematics from Mr Farquhar. When he was thirteen he went down to teach the younger classes in the Markinch school, receiving, in return, instruction in all the higher branches, and thus laying a good foundation for his college life. And while Sandy, well dressed and cared for, went like a gentleman to his light labour, and had liberty to study all the evening if he liked, Jamie was kept hard at work on the land in the summer time, and at the loom every spare moment. His reading was taken on the sly. Many a time had he carried a book with him to the field when he was supposed to be hoeing, and steal an hour for which he had to make up by working after hours. Against his way of life Jamie Bethune never dreamed of complaining. He was one of those reserved natures which live within themselves and are only revealed to a very few, sometimes to none. But his heart knew its own bitterness, and there were wells of feeling and possibilities in the lad undreamed of by those among whom he lived. In all this John Bethune had no thought of wronging his younger son. He simply saw in him a commonplace lad, who could work with his hands, and who showed no decided bent in any direction. And since Sandy was so undoubtedly a scholar, he thought he was doing his duty by both. Sandy should be fitted to make his mark in a higher walk in life, while Jamie should be left with the land and the loom, at which he could make a good livelihood; probably the Star would hold him all his days. Such was the good man's idea, and he placidly made his plans, and strove to execute them, only asking that he might he spared to see his sons come to man's estate, and occupying, each in his own sphere, honourable positions in life. Such unconscious wrongs are often done under a strong sense of duty. But their results are not the less grievous because the motive which prompts them happens to be generous and pure.

With his elbows leaning on the mossy wall, James Bethune wrestled with the first problem life had presented to him. He felt within him the stirrings of manhood, and there whispered to him visions of great achievements, of noble aims, and vague but loveliest possibilities, which the lad himself could scarcely understand. Only he knew that he was miserable in the Star, and that his mind dwelt continually upon the wider sphere which he knew was to be found in the world beyond the quiet hamlet which was supposed to be large enough for him. He had read again and again in his father's books of men who had risen from the veriest obscurity, and had been enabled by their own sheer industry and force of character to shape the destinies of nations.

The majority of these great minds, both in his own and other times, had struggled with early disadvantages, and in that very struggle had won their mightiest power. Why should not he put his hand to the plough, and make a desperate effort after something beyond the meagre trammels of his existence?

"I'm a fool?" he muttered, in very scorn of himself. "I'll think no more about it. The mistress is perhaps right. Perhaps this *is* the place for me, after all."

Looking across the moss again, he saw two figures coming leisurely up the path. In the glorious light it was easy to distinguish them as his brother and Mary Campbell. He could even see that Sandy had his arm round the girl's waist, and that their heads were very close together. A slight bitterness dwelt for a moment in his eyes, as the thought came that everything seemed to be given to Sandy, without any trouble on his part to obtain it. Not that he was in the remotest degree jealous or interested beyond ordinary in Mary Campbell, only it seemed to fit in with the rest of his thoughts.

"Were I Sandy," he said to himself, as he went towards the house, "I wouldn't have anything to do with lasses for ten years to come. How can he know his own mind at seventeen? He'll change fifty times before he's thirty."

Nine was striking as he went into the house, and he found his father waiting with the Bible in his hand, his aunt having evidently gone to bed.

"Where's Sandy?" asked his father, rather sternly. "It's after nine—time we were all in bed."

"He'll be here soon, probably," answered Jamie, sitting down by the fire. "I've been at the Knowe. David's to be at the barley in the morning."

"Ay, that's well. Has he got all his crop in?"

"Ay, all in," was Jamie's answer; then the twain relapsed into silence.

(To be continued.)

AN OBLIGING POLICEMAN AND HIS TIMEPIECE.

No better illustration of the amusing pantomime song, "If you want to know the time, ask a p'liceman," has, perhaps, been given than that which has just occurred at Hull. A newly-joined member of the force, being asked the time whilst on duty on one of the docks, kindly obliged by pulling out his watch, only, however, to have it snatched out of his hand, to receive a smart blow in the face, and be knocked down, the thief meanwhile making good his escape. When the astonished officer arose he was more than ever discomfited to be confronted by a superior officer who had just come upon the scene.

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WHOSE WAS THE HAND?

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CHAPTER VIII. (CONTINUED.)

DAISY'S DIARY IN MILAN.

Cyril is capital. He has an ardent love of art, and, indeed, he seems to like everything that I like. Cyril's Oxford days are over. He has taken his degree, and has, I believe, done very well—though he has not swept the board, like Mr Gladstone or Mr Goldwin Smith, as he intended to do when he was at Winchester. And now he has to think of what he shall do with his life.

"I think I shall go to the Bar," he said, "because a man ought to have a profession of some kind, and I rather like the idea of the Bar—followed in due course by the Bench. And the Bar has advantages for a man who does not want to be a slave in the golden years of youth. The Bar is a profession in which a man can take it easy."

We were talking the other day about Uncle Ambrose's fortune, and his almost eccentric indifference to wealth, which would have been such a delightful surprise to most men in his position.

"I found out a most extraordinary fact connected with my father's inheritance," said Cyril, "a fact which reveals an indifference that is really abnormal. An American I met at Oxford got into conversation with me about my connection with America through my father's kinsman. He told me that old Matthew Arden, of Chicago, died early in April, '72, and that, as his property was all of a most simple and obvious character, my father must have passed into possession of it within a month or two after his death. Now, I distinctly remember that the first I heard of the change in our circumstances was on All Saints' Day, when I went home from Winchester for twenty-four hours' holiday. My father told me then that a great-uncle, with whom he had kept up an occasional correspondence, had lately died in America, an old bachelor, and a man of considerable wealth, accumulated in trade, and that he had appointed my father residuary legatee. I was a great deal more excited by the change from poverty to wealth than he was. I never saw a man so unmoved by the idea of large means, or so indifferent to the things money can buy. And that indifference has never been lessened; but I think now that he has a wife and daughter to think about he will take more pleasure out of his wealth and spend his money royally. I hear of a house in Grosvenor-square, which my father bought the other day, and which is being renovated in the Adamesque style we are all so fond of."

Yesterday Cyril and I had a grand excursion all to ourselves, or with only my duenna Broomfield to made a third: good old Broomfield, who always looks the other way when we are talking confidently. We started early, on a morning that was more like June than February. We had our own gondola, and our two men, looking deliciously picturesque in their black livery and yellow silk scarves. We landed in a narrow creek, among sedges and alders, and long rank grass.

After a while, we sent Broomfield off to find our gondoliers, while we two wandered along the edge of that verdant island, with our feet almost in the sea.

We were as much alone as Ferdinand and Miranda can ever have been on their enchanted isle, and—he had the supreme impertinence to put his arm round my waist.

I believe that kind of thing has happened to Beatrice Reardon almost as often as the toothache; and my cousin Flora has told me that it is sometimes done at dances, in a conservatory where there are palms and tree-ferns, after supper; but such a thing had never occurred to *me*, and it took my breath away.

"Be my Miranda, Daisy," he said, in such a charming voice, that I forgot to be angry with him, or at any rate forgot to express my indignation. "Let me be your Ferdinand, and all the world will be my enchanted island. It is the fairy who makes the spell."

"I can't quite understand you, Cyril," I said, very meekly, "I thought you and I were to be brother and sister."

"You know you thought nothing of the kind, Miss; you refused to accept my father as a father, or to call him by that name. You told me very distinctly on his wedding-day that I was not to have the privileges of a brother, and I replied that I had no desire to stand upon that footing. And now that the happiest months of my life have been spent with you, now that I am over head and ears in love, you pretend not to understand, you make believe to be stupid and apathetic. It is very cruel—more cruel than words can say—if you have been fooling me all this time."

I don't know exactly what I said after this. I think I must have apologised for my stupidity, for he certainly forgave me, and put his arm round my waist again, and kissed me, not in the boisterous sort of way that he kissed me in the carriage after mother's wedding, but gently, and even timidly, so that I could not find it in my heart to be angry.

"Are these my Miranda's lips?" he asked, and I think I said that it might be so if he pleased; and then we went slowly, slowly, slowly back to the creek where we had left the gondola; and I believe we were engaged.

Cyril is a very impetuous person, and before we sat down to dinner he had told Uncle Ambrose and mother that he and I were engaged, and that he would not forfeit that privilege to be the Doge—if the Ducal power of Venice were to be revived to-morrow. Late in the evening mother came into my room and sat with me for nearly an hour by the wood fire. She told me that nothing would please her better than that Cyril and I should love each other well enough to take upon ourselves the most solemn tie this earth knows. Her seriousness made me very serious, and almost frightened me.

"I am pleased that you should be engaged even earlier than I was, Daisy," she said, "and that you should not be hardened and spoiled by the experience of the world, where girls learn to be selfish, and vain, and self-seeking. I am pleased that you should be engaged to your first lover, in the very freshness and dawn of your life. It is too early to think about marrying just yet awhile; but a year or two hence——"

"Oh, not for so many years," I cried, interrupting her. "Pray don't talk about getting rid of me. I want to stay with you, mother. You are all in all to me. You are not tired of me, are you?"

"Tired? no, my darling. It will be a sad day for me when my bright bird leaves the home-nest; but I married very young, Daisy, and my wedded life was all gladness. An engagement should not last too long, even when the lovers are as young as you and Cyril. Two years will be quite long enough. In two years you will be nearly twenty."

"That sounds dreadfully ancient," said I; for indeed it seems that one has done with youth when one is out of one's teens. Mother gave me her small pearl necklace on my thirteenth birthday, and I was so proud of myself, and thought myself quite a personage because I was in my teens; and now here she was talking coolly about my soon being twenty, and old enough to be turned out of doors.

"Two years will be no time," I told her. "I would rather be engaged for ten, so that I may stay at River Lawn with you."

"Who knows, dearest, if you need ever leave River Lawn?" she answered sweetly. "I have always thought the French much wiser than we in their domestic arrangements, because they are not afraid to keep their children under the family roof when they are married; and thus the bond of parentage grows stronger instead of weaker, and the little children of the third generation grow up at the feet of the old people. I have heard Englishmen say that this plan can never succeed with us; and, if so, one cannot help thinking there must be some want of affection in the English heart. Now, in your case, Daisy, there is every reason that your married life should be spent in your mother's home, since you are to marry my stepson."

"Dear, dearest mother," I exclaimed, giving her a hug which would have done credit to a young she-bear, "how sweet and how wise you are. I am very glad I accepted Cyril. I see now that he is just the very best husband I could have chosen."

"My darling, how lightly you talk," said mother, almost reproachfully. "Your stepfather and I are naturally pleased that you and Cyril should have chosen each other, but that is not enough, not nearly enough; nothing is enough unless you love him truly and devotedly, with your whole heart and mind, as I loved your father."

I felt miserable after she had left me, but I did what she told me to do. I knelt down and prayed to be guided and led in the right way—led to choose the fate that should be best for my own happiness and for my mother's. The thought that I need never leave home if Cyril were my husband made him seem to me quite the most perfect husband I could have.

Scarcely had I risen from my knees than I heard the distant dip of oars, and the music of a guitar and a couple of mandolines, accompanying the song Cyril and I are so fond of. It came nearer and nearer, till it stopped under my window, and then the mandolines and guitar played a familiar symphony, and the voice I knew very well began Schubert's "Gute Nacht."

He—it was Cyril, of course—sang the serenade beautifully.

When he had sung the last notes, and the mandolines had tinkled into silence, he stood looking up at my window as if he were waiting for some token of approval. I crept to the mantelpiece and chose a lily from the vase of flowers, and, still hidden by the curtain, flung it out of the window.

He caught the flower cleverly; and then, after a pause, the oars dipped, and the mandolines began to play the serenade from "Don Pasquale," and the gondola moved slowly, slowly down the canal, he singing as it went.

Cyril and I were solemnly engaged this morning. We were plighted and pledged to each other for life, and when we marry we are to have our own suite of rooms in Grosvenor-square, the whole of the third floor, which is to be decorated and furnished according to my taste. This means that Cyril and I are to choose everything; for, of course, I should not be such a selfish wretch as to choose without deferring to him.

At River Lawn we are to have the east wing, and mother will build more rooms if ever we fancy we want them. And the gondola is to be ours, the gondola in which Cyril sang last night.

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